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AUGMENTED REALITY

Mayor writes to game developer to reduce stops at ferry terminal

Over half of the Pokéstops at the Jack Layton Ferry Terminal are no more, after some personal intervention by Mayor John Tory.

The area around the ferry has seen an influx of Pokémon Go players after the mobile game exploded in popularity during its release in June. What's responsible? The area's nine Pokéstops — in-game beacons where players can congregate in real life — far more than any other location in the city.

Where players otherwise move from one stop to the next, at the terminal — where non-players depart for and arrive from the Toronto Islands — the sheer number of stops meant they could stay in one place and

still catch Pokémon.

The number of players became such a problem that the city petitioned the game's developer, Niantic, to reduce the number of stops.

But things weren't moving fast enough, so Tory decided to take matters into his own hands and email Niantic's CEO John Hanke personally last Friday.

"I wrote him a note and said 'I'm really happy with your success with Pokémon Go, I'm really all the people are enjoying playing it.... However my job is to balance that against the fact that there is a degree of disruption,'" Tory said.

Hanke replied almost immediately, and put Tory in touch with Niantic's head of operations. By Monday, the two had agreed to pare down the number of stops from nine to four. Tory said the company was sympathetic with his concerns, though "there were many historic plaques and different things down there that constitute legitimate Pokémon stops."

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D'bi, young Anitafrica started the Watah Theatre to train aspiring artists.
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The final curtain may be closing on the Toronto institution that's inspired the city's black, indigenous and LGBTQ communities for the past eight years

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Mother calls for cleanup

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When she needs a break, Madara Mejoule likes to stroll along Toronto's lakeshore, enjoying the view and breeze.

But it wasn't until her three-year-old son Owen was old enough to tag along that she noticed another feature of the landscape: the garbage.

There was so much of it in fact that she was anxious to let Owen run through the sand.

"There was litter just everywhere," she said, noting it "broke my heart" to prevent her son from doing what he enjoyed.

Fed up with all the trash, Mejoule decided to do something about it. She put out a call for

volunteer cleaners on social media, and was overwhelmed with responses.

The group will be heading out Sept. 24 to clean up the stretch of shoreline between Budapest Park and Humber Bridge. As many as 20 people have already confirmed, and more are still coming.

Local councillor Sarah Doucette recently stopped by to express support for the initiative and drop off some garbage bags.

Mejoule said some people have told her it's the city's job to take care of the environment, something she dismisses outright.

"That's like saying your mom has to keep cleaning your room. You need to grow up and do it yourself," she said.

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There was litter just everywhere.

Madara Mejoule

She hopes the event can become a regular affair, with locals lending a hand to clean their respective shorelines. Even if it doesn't take off, Mejoule said she and Owen — who loves garbage trucks — are ready to roll up their sleeves on a routine basis.

"He got very excited when I told him about the event," she said. "I told him it would be a garbage cleanup party."



Madara Mejoule and her son Owen are gearing up to lead a community initiative to pick up garbage along Toronto's lakeshore. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

WASHROOMS

CNE puts in gender-neutral facilities

CNE organizers have this to say about who uses their washrooms: "we don't care."

The fair is introducing new single-occupancy gender-neutral portable washrooms. After years of using the Ex's old portable bathroom stalls, organizers decided it was high time to upgrade to something more "user friendly," says CNE general manager Virginia Ludy.

"This way anybody can use the washrooms — it doesn't matter what the gender is," Ludy said.

Making them gender-neutral cuts down on wait times, she said, and it's easier for parents with children.

But she was also inspired by the political debates happening in the United States and Canada about how gendered washrooms can impact the transgender community.

"Quite frankly we didn't want our customers to have to have that debate," she said.

With thousands of people using the facilities over the course of 18 days, cheap port-a-potties just can't accommodate the flow of traffic. Ludy said there was nothing quite right on the market, so they had the stackable, eats-to-clean bathroom trailers custom-made. Each trailer measures 10-feet wide by 30-feet long, and contains multiple single-occupancy bathroom cubicles that contain a toilet and sink, including some extra-wide ones that can accommodate families and people with disabilities.

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TRANSPORTATION

Taxi industry brings back driver training

A man almost missed his flight to New Brunswick recently after an "untrained" newly licensed cabbie drove him to Pearson airport, says a taxi industry spokesperson.

"The guy's luggage and golf clubs are in the trunk of the car and the cab driver can't open it to get it," said Rita Smith, executive director of the Toronto Taxi Alliance.

The incident highlights the problem of the "stampede" of "untrained, untested (and) in many instances extremely unqualified," people with taxi driver licences leasing cabs, Smith explained.

She was at city hall Wednesday holding a news conference to announce a new taxi driver training program at Centennial College.

In May, city council passed a new Vehicle-for-Hire bylaw that attempted to level the playing field for traditional licensed cabbies and their UberX competitors, regular drivers who use their own cars to pick up passengers



Veteran taxi driver Joel Barr says road knowledge is essential in a growing city. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

using an app.

Included in the changes was the elimination of the 17-day city-run taxi school that all drivers were required to take before getting behind the wheel of a cab.

Since then, the city has seen

an increase in applicants and has issued approximately 3,500 new vehicle-for-hire licences. Tracey Cook, executive director of municipal licensing and standards, wrote in an email. Toronto now has about 12,500 people licensed to operate a taxi or limousine.

The city's major taxi companies have been inundated with new licence holders who have no business driving a cab, including one man who had his driver's licence for a day and applicants "who speak no English who had to communicate by pointing,"

Smith said.

It is why the taxi industry is resurrecting mandatory driver training through Centennial College for every cabbie licensed since May 4. The courses are expected to begin this fall.

Experienced taxi drivers subject to repeated complaints will also be required to enrol in the course, which will include training on road knowledge, gender and cultural sensitivity, and customer service. In addition, there will be six hours of defensive driving instruction.

Veteran taxi driver Joel Barr won't be heading back to taxi school. But he thinks taxi driver training is necessary.

"The city is so huge now, road knowledge is such an important thing. The streets are so crammed with cars ... the big landmarks places they have to be known," he said.

Barry O'Brien, dean of Centennial's School of Business, said the program will feature 18 hours in total training and student drivers must pass an English language assessment to get in.

The course will cost between \$600 and \$700, similar to what the city charged.

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LICENCE PLATES

Pre-renew to beat fee hike

The bad news is that your licence plate renewal fee is going up. In southern Ontario, it'll jump from \$108 to \$120. In the north, it rises from \$54 to \$60.

The good (all things are relative) news is that you can beat the pay hike if you renew by Sept. 1.

You can pre-renew it up to six months in advance, meaning if your plate's coming due in February, you can get the lower price by renewing before next Thursday.

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CLARIFICATION

Some information was incorrect in a story published Tuesday on Page 3.

Photographer Gilad Cohen did not suffer from depression and anxiety, and Nour Lazakani is 15 years old and hails from Idlib, Syria.

The JAYU charity was founded in 2012.



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EXPLOSIVES

Man digs up bomb on old site of World War II training camp

The last thing souvenir hunter Jeremy Revoy thought he'd stumble on in a lakefront stroll was the very object metal detectors are designed to find: a bomb.

He was on a treasure hunt at Whitby's Intrepid Park — former grounds of the top-secret Camp X spy training school — Tuesday when his detector snarled its first report.

"Reearrr! That's what it went like," said Revoy, 34.

After homing in on a patch of marshy turf, he started to dig around the underground artifact with a grass knife.

"All I seen was a rusty object at first, and it ain't moving," he said.

Revoy didn't know it yet, but just three centimetres below lay the tip of a tail fin to a Second World War smoke mortar round. Egged on by his metal detector, Revoy eventually hauled out body of the rust-encrusted projectile.

"I thought it might have been an oil filter or a part from a tractor or a lawn mower or something," Revoy said. So he made a phone call and got some sage, sound advice.

"My stepdad seen a picture I



A souvenir hunter took this picture of a mortar shell he found on the site of the former Camp X before learning about its potential risk, police said. DURHAM POLICE / TWITTER



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Jeremy Revoy

sent him, and he's like, 'Get away from it and call the police.' "

Revoy did. Within 10 minutes a Durham Regional Police officer was on the scene, cordoning it off. Within 30 minutes at least a half-dozen more cruisers pulled up, he said.

Soon a police helicopter was circling overhead, while Revoy

forked over his photos of the ballistic relic. "

"This is the first report I've seen regarding a find like this," Durham police spokesperson Sgt. Bill Calder said.

A bomb disposal team was dispatched from Canadian Forces Base Trenton early Wednesday morning.

Cpl. Dorian Ellert, an air weapons systems technician, said that "there was a very high probability that it still was holding its charge."

The team dug a narrow hole in a marshy part of the park, placed the five-kilogram mortar round inside and set it off with plastic explosives around 8 a.m., Ellert said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



Alden Cudanin is building a replica of Toronto in the video game Minecraft. The digital city has all the hallmarks of Hogtown, from the open roof of the Rogers Centre to the sleek TD Tower downtown and even the constant construction. COURTESY OF ALDEN CUDANIN

Minecraft opens up city building to all

DEVELOPMENT

Amateurs and urban planners use game as tool for design

May Warren
Metro | Toronto

Alden Cudanin had never played the virtual building game Minecraft before, but when his nine-year-old daughter introduced him to it in 2015, he was hooked.

Since then he's been hard at work on a virtual version of Toronto, complete with the Rogers Centre, CN tower and, of course, a plethora of condos.

"I just started building and just kept going," he said.

"I think I'll just keep going, until I get really bored with it, which I doubt will happen."

So far he's built much of the downtown core, including

the subway. He plans to put his version of Toronto on a public server so others can experiment and build within it.

That's something Lisa Ward Mather, a recent graduate of Ryerson's master of urban planning program, believes could be a powerful planning tool.

"The Toronto project is interesting but it really does depend on what we do with it, that's kind of the trick," she said.

Ward Mather built a Minecraft model of Eglinton Avenue for the city a few years ago to show what the street would look like with more midrise buildings.

There are lots of examples of Minecraft being used for planning purposes elsewhere in the world, she said.

The United Nations Block by Block program uses Minecraft to engage poor communities in urban design.

It's been used in successful architecture projects in places from Haiti to Nairobi.

With the news Toronto could be adding a giant public park on top of the CN rail corridor, Cudanin is excited to see what the project would look like in Minecraft.

"Why not try building the park to see what it will look like with the surrounding buildings," he said.

Regardless of whether he ever finishes building his virtual city, or if his passion project gets picked up by planners,

Cudanin said the countless hours he's put into Minecraft were worth it just to inspire his daughter.

"If I'm able to do this and help the young ones develop their creativity and expression through something like this it's all good for me," he said.



Alden Cudanin.

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Condo owners rail against ruff justice

PETITION

New proposal has dog-loving residents hot under the collar



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A condo board proposal to ban pets in their buildings has left some CityPlace residents barking mad.

"I think it's just outrageous," said dog owner Prasanthy Kudrati, who lives at 3 Navy Wharf Court.

Kudrati said her building and 5 Mariner Terrace are governed by the same condo board, which is proposing a ban on pets.

Under the proposed rules, Kudrati said existing owners would be able to keep their animals, but new residents would be barred from owning dogs or cats.

Service animals under 25 pounds would still be permitted, she said.

The president of the condo board did not return Metro's request for comment Wednesday.

A petition against the ban is currently posted at the concierges for both buildings. If 15 per cent of owners sign the petition, the condo board won't be allowed to implement the change without a majority vote.

Gary Pieters, president of the CityPlace Residents Association, said he's not taking sides but called for a "transparent discussion" on the issue.

In dense, vertical neighbourhoods with limited green space, Pieters said tensions between animal owners and other tenants are bound to pop up. He said he's received complaints about dogs defecat-



Laura Bortolusso-Welch, out walking her dog, Jazz, on Wednesday, says she's "not 100 per cent sure" she supports a proposed ban on pets for new residents of two CityPlace condo towers that has divided the community. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

ing in shared areas and being left unattended on balconies.

"But that is not the rule it's the exception, it's not an epidemic," he said.

Condo lawyer Denise Lash



It's just ridiculous that they would try to slip this by and there was no real conversation.

Prasanthy Kudrati

said the blanket ban on pets may not even be legally enforceable, as it wasn't contained in the condos' original declaration.

It would also leave renters in a tight spot, Lash said.

The Landlord and Tenant Act explicitly states tenants cannot be barred from owning pets, but Lash said tenants are also obligated to comply with the condo board's rules.

"Renters really can't do anything, they have to communicate through their owner," Lash said.

FUNDRAISER

Zoo won't get boost from Bieber

The embattled Bowmanville zoo's promotion for a star-powered fundraiser this weekend apparently featuring Canadian pop star Justin Bieber's family was suddenly derailed on Wednesday after his father denied any involvement in the event.

The zoo is expected to shut its doors at the end of the season. Early on Wednesday, it announced on its Facebook page that the "Bieber Family" would take part in an event

this Sunday to raise money to "keep the animals fed, happy and healthy while we search for new homes for all of them." Tickets were priced at \$295 and a zoo spokesman said it would include a "meet and greet" with the superstar himself.

But by afternoon, zoo spokesman Angus Carroll informed the Star that the singer "may or may (not) attend"; at around 4 p.m., Bieber's father Jeremy denied the family's in-

volvement via Twitter.

The zoo's original Facebook announcement was deleted but a new one on Wednesday evening said a fundraiser would still take place.

The zoo announced its closure this year after ex-owner Michael Hackenberger was charged with five charges related to animal cruelty. None of the allegations have been proven in court.

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Curtain closing on Watah Theatre

CULTURE

Home of black, indigenous and LGBTQ artists needs funding



Gilbert Ngabo
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After eight years of helping marginalized youth fulfill their artistic potential, Toronto's Watah Theatre may have to take its final bow.

The theatre has been providing free art training and mentorship to youth since 2008. It's trained over 600 aspiring artists, mostly from the city's black, indigenous and LGBTQ communities.

However, funding problems are threatening to drop the curtain on the project. In the past, the theatre has received grants from both the Toronto and Ontario arts councils, but recent funding applications to various national, regional and local agencies have repeatedly been rejected.

"There's a psychological fear for everyone involved," said program founder D'bi.young Anitafrika. "We don't know what our future will look like for our



D'bi.young Anitafrika started the Watah Theatre to train aspiring artists, but after eight years the program has run into funding problems and may be forced to shut down. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

program if nothing is changed."

Anitafrika was born in Jamaica and moved to Toronto with her family when she was 15. The multidisciplinary artist said starting the Watah Theatre was her way of paying it forward to a city that was "generous" to her as a young immigrant.

"My own success as an artist comes from the fact that I was

raised in this city," she said.

Anitafrika has launched a GoFundMe page and is hoping to raise at least \$30,000 to stay afloat. Liza Paul was among the first cohort of Watah Theatre trainees, and has gone on to become a professional standup comedian. She's currently studying improv at Second City.

She credits the Watah Theatre

with helping launch her career, and said it pains her to think the program isn't getting the proper funding.

"That place changed my life with a simple, happy 'yes you can be an artist' message," she said. "If she was collecting \$10,000 for every student like other schools, she'd probably be doing okay."



Above: Kaleidoscope of Lives Once Lived, a shot by Scarborough-based photographer David Brandy
Below: The Hālau Hula I Ka Lā troupe

ABOVE: CONTRIBUTED, BELOW: YOUTUBE



THE ARTS

Scarborough to show off its creative side

The artistic strength of Scarborough might surprise you.

The 'burb may not (yet) be renowned for its vibrant visual art scene, but it is worth the weekend trek from other parts of the city as more than 30 visual, literary and performance artists come together for Art in the Park on Aug. 27.

Supporting and promoting groups that are changing the community through art is the mission of local non-profit Scarborough Arts, the organization hosting Saturday's event.

How people travel to see art — from Toronto's centre to the margins — is part of that challenge, said Sasha Kovacs, program director. "(Transit and accessibility) are still things that this community is working with and through," she said.

Celebrating Scarborough's "borough feel" and the rich diversity of residents and emerging

+ DETAILS

Arts in the Park takes place on Aug. 27 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Harrison Properties (1859 Kingston Rd.). Admission is free.

artists who are changing the ecology of this suburb is Kovacs' plan this weekend.

Kicking off with the dance stylings of Scarborough-based hula school Hālau Hula I Ka Lā, the one-day event also features a live competitive painting battle, poetry, art and fiction readings from local authors.

"I think it's great we're working hard to overcome the stigma that Scarborough has of being kind of... uncool," said photographer and long-time resident David Brandy, 59, who will be on site this weekend.

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Flags bearers of traditions

CULTURE

ROM exhibit features pieces from Ghana



Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

A new exhibit at the Royal Ontario Museum is bringing a piece of Ghana to Toronto.

Starting next month, the halls of the ROM will be decorated with traditional flags from the African country's southern region.

Adorned with imagery of wild animals, traps and even serpent-headed monsters, the flags play a significant role in Ghanaian festivals and traditions.

It's the latest instalment of the ROM's Of Africa Project, a collaboration between the museum and artists from African diasporas in Toronto.

"This is about the living, active and rich traditions in Africa, reflecting the history and culture of specific areas," said curator Silvia Forni. "You don't see that

anywhere else."

The upcoming exhibit focuses on Asafo flags, which were tools of communication during times of war in southern Ghana. Each flag conveyed a particular message from one group of fighters to another, without the enemy noticing. In peacetime, the flags are still seen as carriers of knowledge, referring to common sayings in Ghanaian communities.

"They've remained part of the social fabrics in that area, bringing a particular sense of pride to locals," said Forni. "It's quite a playful way of expressing themselves."

Ghanaian-Canadian visual artist Okunyin Kojo grew up watching the Asafo flags during community festivals. He's working with Forni to bring the exhibition to the ROM, and said it's an opportunity to showcase African traditions without "reducing them just to simple ideas."

"That's been our culture from generation to generation," he said. "This exhibition is the most meaningful, relevant and correct way of celebrating that culture and sharing it with Toronto."



Clockwise from top: A flag dancer performs during the 2014 Akwambo festival in Ghana; a dancer performs with the Ghanaian flag during the Akwambo festival; Asafo flags on display in Ghana. CONTRIBUTED



LANGUAGE

Talking the talk of Ontarians



May Warren
Metro | Toronto

It's only a few hours away on the 401, but according to one linguist, southwestern Ontario has its own unique dialect.

Western University graduate student Michael Iannozzi is studying the southwestern Ontario drawl by interviewing people in five local counties: Middlesex, Lambton, Chatham-Kent, Essex and Elgin.

Originally from Sarnia, Iannozzi grew up hearing the "distinct way of speaking" of his grandparents who lived on a farm just outside the city.

But when he moved to Toronto for university, he noticed his classmates sounded different to his southwestern Ontario ear.

One example of Ontario's southwestern twang is using "anymore" in a positive way at the start of a sentence, as in "Anymore, there's always something new," Iannozzi said. Another example: throwing a random "t" into phrases, as in "I got mum sittin' accrosst from me."

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Historic structure to be moved

LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT

Old Kodak building to be incorporated into station



May Warren
Metro | Toronto

Not satisfied with tunnelling 10 kilometres underground to build the Eglinton Crosstown LRT, Metrolinx will be relocating a four-storey, 3,000-tonne building in its entirety Thursday as part of the construction.

The historic structure, built in 1939 and used as a recreation centre for Kodak employees, will form part of the new Mount Dennis LRT station.

"The building is very significant to the local history

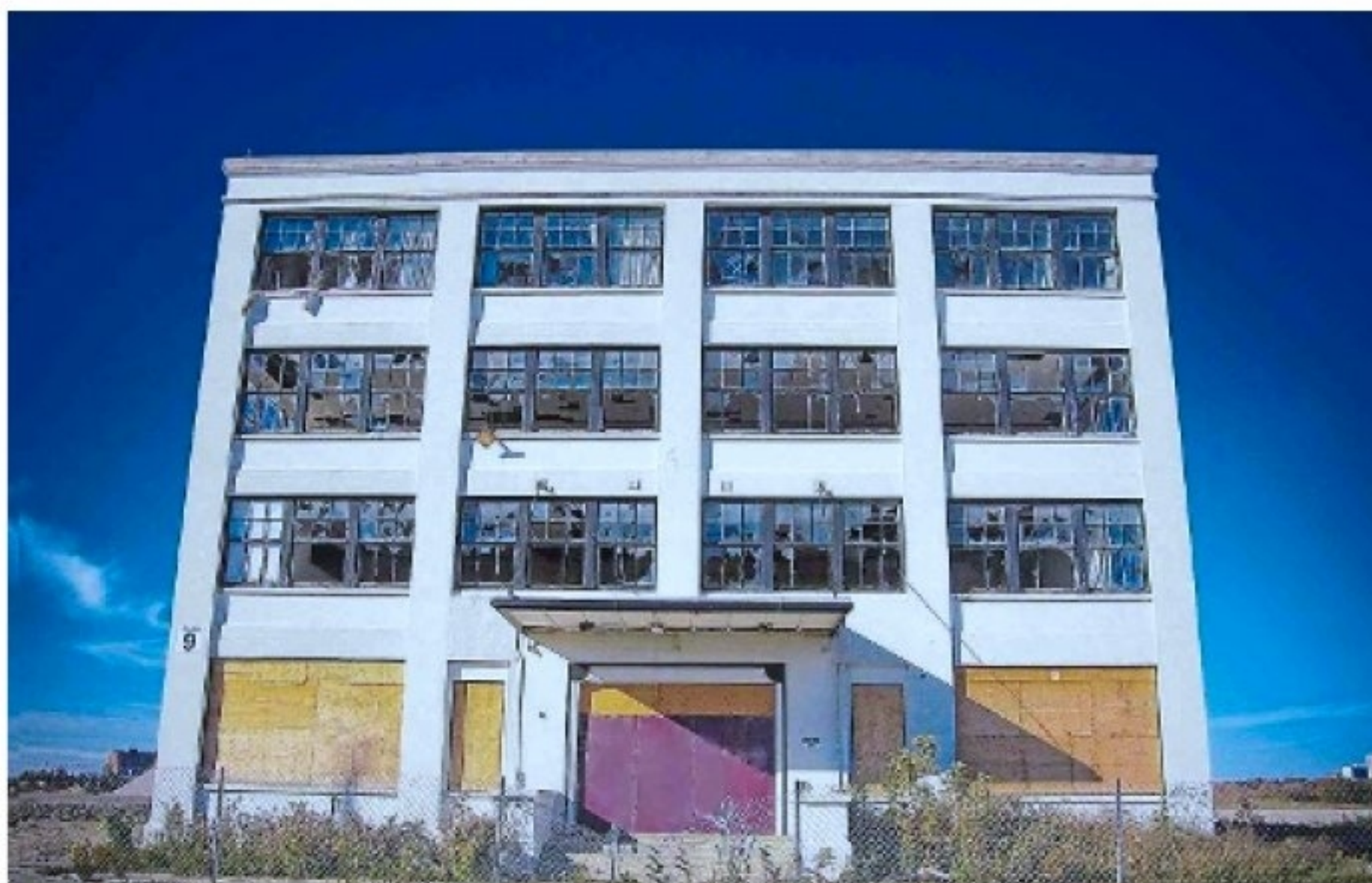
... because of the Kodak company and the amount of jobs and employment that it had in that area," said Metrolinx spokesman Jamie Robinson.

All told, the building will be moved 61 metres to its new home. The public is invited to watch the event — which is expected to take about 90 minutes — and Metrolinx will be hosting a community barbecue on the site afterwards.

"The community said very clearly to us that they were very interested in us preserving the Kodak building and seeing how it could or could not be incorporated into the future plans for the station," Robinson said.

The Crosstown line will run across Eglinton Avenue between Mount Dennis (Weston Road) and Kennedy Station. Ten kilometres of the 19-kilometre line will be underground.

"The community said very clearly to us that they were very interested in us preserving the Kodak building." Jamie Robinson



Families of Kodak employees used to gather in the auditorium of "building No. 9" to watch movies or musicals. It was a recreation facility for the thousands of people employed at the 23-hectare Kodak factory, which closed in 2005. COURTESY METROLINX

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Family sues killers

LONDON

'It's another venue where they can get justice': Lawyer

After finding justice in criminal court, Tim Bosma's family is now hoping for the same in civil court as they pursue a lawsuit against the Ancaster dad's killers.

The \$14-million suit was filed quietly in London, Ont., Superior Court last May — more than a year before Delen Millard and Mark Smich would be found guilty of first-degree murder in the 32-year-old's death.

Bosma's parents, Hank and Mary, his widow, Sharlene, and their daughter (who is listed as "Jane Doe" to protect her privacy), are the listed plaintiffs, claiming damages under the Family Law Act for both financial and emotional losses.

"I can tell you, for Sharlene and for Tim's parents, it has never been about recovering money," London-based civil



Sharlene Bosma addresses media and the public after two men were convicted of killing her husband Tim. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

lawyer Jennifer Chapman said on Friday.

"It's another venue where they can get justice for Tim, and have someone say, 'You

are responsible for taking this man's life, and for the pain and suffering that this family now experiences.'"

Bosma was killed May 6,

“For Sharlene and for Tim's parents, it has never been about recovering money.”

Jennifer Chapman

2013, after taking Millard and Smich for a test drive of the pickup truck he was selling online. He was shot in his truck, his body then burned in an animal incinerator outside an air hangar owned by Millard at the Region of Waterloo airport.

His family "continues to suffer from severe emotional and mental distress as a result of the brutal and callous act," the May 5, 2015, statement of claim reads.

In addition to the two convicted murderers, Millard's mother, Madeleine Burns, and his girlfriend, Christina Noudga — who is charged with being an accessory after the fact to the murder — are also listed as defendants in the lawsuit. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

CRIME

Hit-and-run driver charged with murder

Toronto Police charged a 21-year-old man on Wednesday with first-degree murder for allegedly ramming a pedestrian with a van on George Street last week.

Steven Doyle, 27, was standing on the west side of George Street, near Gerrard Street East, at around 5:45 p.m. on Aug. 15 when he was hit and killed by a blue Dodge Caravan. According to police, the van "drove onto the sidewalk and deliberately struck the man."

The Caravan fled the scene with heavy damage, leaving behind a 1,200-foot debris trail, police said. It was later found abandoned in a parking lot several blocks away.

Ayubullo Mohammad-Duad, of no fixed address, appeared in court at Old City Hall on Wednesday.

The day after the incident, police released surveillance footage of a blue van sitting in a parking lot, in the hopes of identifying the suspected driver. In it, a man removes his jacket and wipes down the interior of the van and the driver's-side door, before fleeing the scene.

Det. Steve Henkel described



Ayubullo Mohammad-Duad
CONTRIBUTED

the man in the footage as "evidence-conscious" at a news conference held shortly after its release.

Investigators didn't believe the abandoned blue Caravan was owned by the suspect, Henkel said — but it did have proper licence plates. Police on Wednesday weren't able to confirm whether the van was, in fact, stolen.

Mohammad-Duad hasn't been charged with theft.

Police suggested at the time that Doyle and several other men were involved in some sort of altercation before the hit-and-run. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Bella Bella awaits royals

FIRST NATIONS

British royalty to tour remote community



David P. Ball
Metro | Vancouver

The quiet coastal Heiltsuk community of Bella Bella is home to roughly 1,600 people, but it's set to get a whole lot busier over the next month as it readies to host the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.

The British royal family members — Prince William, Kate Middleton and their two children Prince George and Princess Charlotte — will visit the remote village on Sept. 26 as part of their week-long Canadian tour announced this week.

Harvey Humchitt is a Heiltsuk hereditary chief and the First Nation's research coordinator in its resource management department.

He said the high-profile visitors will likely take in a flight over the surrounding wilderness, and visit Bella Bella's independ-



Members of Heiltsuk First Nation, in Bella Bella, B.C., believe the royal family's Sept. 26 visit will benefit their tourism sector and long-term reconciliation. COURTESY HEILTSUK TRIBAL COUNCIL/FACEBOOK

ent community school, which for decades has been an example of Heiltsuk "control over our own education."

On Tuesday, Humchitt de-

scribed the mood in the community following the news of the upcoming tour as "excited" because — despite visits from governors general, celebrities

and politicians — it's the first visit from royalty.

"We've never really had any royal visitors in Bella Bella," he told Metro in a phone interview.

"A lot of our people believe this happens once in a lifetime."

One of the key roles of the traditional hereditary chiefs, he explained, is to protect the Heiltsuk people's lands. So the royal visit from Britain's own hereditary leadership is a chance to showcase the community's success defending its territories from industrial exploitation, oil tankers associated with the proposed Northern Gateway pipeline, as well as opposing Grizzly bear trophy hunting.

"We know there has to be some development in our territories, but we try to do it in a sustainable fashion. We've worked really hard to manage and control harvesting of logs in a sustainable way and the oceans clear of fish farms."

Marilyn Slett, who is the elected Chief Councillor of the Heiltsuk Tribal Council, told Metro the details and logistics of the visit are still being worked out.

But key elements will include an invitation to walk in part of the "largest temperate rainforest left in the world" — known as the Great Bear Rainforest — and see the locally managed salmon hatchery.

RIDESHARING

The 'Peg wants Uber



Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

Winnipeg may be the city that Uber forgot. But, Jay Hall is bound and determined to remind the company that plenty of people are ready and waiting to ride.

Hall has started a petition that aims to bait the hook for ride-sharing companies to break into the market. It calls on Premier Brian Pallister and Mayor Brian Bowman to "get Uber or Uber-like regulations for Manitoba's taxis."

The company's entry into other cities has sparked debate around the world. But, as far as Hall is concerned, many Winnipeggers are ready to roll out the welcome mat.

People are continually posting stories about negative experiences with taxis, said Hall, who runs a Facebook page called The Winnipeg. Even more have been posted on his petition page — which has more than 350 signatures — with issues raging from safety concerns to rude drivers.

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SARNIA

No regrets over cost of aiding surprise U.S. floating visitors

The mayor of an Ontario border city that was unwittingly visited by 1,500 wayward Americans over the weekend said he'd like them to come back someday — but this time with money, clothes and passports.

"I think we can use this to boost tourism from our neighbours," said Sarnia Mayor Mike Bradley. "Come for a visit; we'll take care of you, and this time you can stay longer."

Bradley said it cost his municipality more than \$8,000 to deal with the wave of unexpected visitors who were on inflatable rafts and boats — attending the annual Port Huron Float Down — when they drifted off course Sunday due to high winds and strong currents.

But Bradley is not asking for that money back, although a



Floater travel down the St. Clair River during Float Down at Lighthouse Beach in Port Huron, Mich., on Sunday. About 1,500 Americans on inflatable rafts and boats drifted seriously off course due to high winds and strong currents and landed in Sarnia.

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fundraising campaign (started by an American) had raised more than \$2,300 US by Wednesday afternoon.

"I think it's a wonderful gesture," Bradley said. "The City of Sarnia can survive; our budget

is over \$130 million a year and we can absorb these costs — but the gesture that they appreciate what happened is important and welcomed."

In a press release, the city broke down the costs from the

incursion, including \$1,977.97 to Sarnia Transit for providing 10 buses, drivers and supervisory staff to take the Americans across the border.

The costs do not include those incurred by agencies out-

side the city, which included efforts by Ontario Provincial Police and the Canadian Coast Guard.

Bradley, who watched the Americans float down the St. Clair River from his apartment, said many of the visitors were "over-refreshed" and chanting "U.S.A., U.S.A." as they washed ashore. The revellers left a mess in their wake.

On Monday, city workers spent several hours picking up trash — beer cans, coolers, rafts and even picnic tables.

The mayor said he would use any funds raised by the campaign to celebrate cross-border relations but he would not ask the Americans to pay back his city for the trouble.

"Even if we wanted to ask someone to pay us back, there is no one to ask. There is no organizer, and it's not an official event," Bradley said.

But he remains proud of how everything went down.

"Everyone who responded — police, fire and the coast guard — took the right approach," Bradley said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

DIVERSITY

Hijab fine with RCMP uniform



Rebecca Williams
Metro | Toronto

The RCMP has adopted a new policy that allows female Muslim officers to wear the hijab.

RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson, the only officer allowed to approve accommodations regarding faith, made the change that came into effect in an updated uniform policy in January 2016.

The policy includes an "exemption" that allows Muslim officers to wear the hijab, if they so choose, in an effort to increase diversity on Canada's national police force.

"The Royal Canadian Mounted Police is a progressive and inclusive police service that values and respects persons of all cultural and religious backgrounds," Public Safety spokesman Scott Bardsley told Metro in an email.

The change is "intended to better reflect the diversity in our communities and encourage more Muslim women to consider the Royal Canadian Mounted Police as a career option," he said.

In 2015, the RCMP began a recruiting blitz with the objective of increasing the number of visible minorities on the force by 20 per cent. In 2013, the number of officers that self-identified as a minority was just 8.7 per cent.

The change in uniform policy comes nearly 26 years after the RCMP approved the turban as part of the uniform for Sikh officers after Baltej Singh Dhillon, an aspiring Mountie, took the force to court in 1990.

MARINE LIFE

This savvy seal is too clever for its predator

A savvy seal outwitted a troop of orcas on the hunt off the coast of B.C. this week, flopping onto a whale-watching boat for safety as the killer whales circled below.

Nick Templeman, a veteran whale-watching guide, revved up the double-outboard motor Monday morning to take out a family of whale viewers north of Powell River, B.C.

Around 4:30 p.m. Templeman spotted a pod of orcas speeding south. "They started doing sort of circles and little lunges; you can tell they're beginning to get into hunting mode."

Fifteen minutes later a wet, whiskered head popped out of the water 150 metres from the boat. The young seal had been dodging thrusts and tail-kicks

from the whales, said Templeman, head of Campbell River Whale & Bear Excursions. "He'd duck underwater and eventually come back up. He caught sight of our boat and then just took off like a rocket," Templeman said.

A chase ensued. "At points the whales weren't more than six inches from the back of the seal. It was pretty intense."

The hitchhiking seal didn't wait for a welcome. It hopped right onto the low-lying stern. Templeman dropped his waterproof GoPro camera below the ocean's surface, capturing the calls and squeaks of the killer whales. Eventually, the orcas glided off. The seal plopped back into the water once the coast was clear. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



A seal dodged a troop of orcas on the hunt in B.C. this week. CONTRIBUTED

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Liberal MPs catching up at retreat

POLITICS

Economy, middle-class, bonding on the agenda

Liberal MPs began catching up on vacation stories and other tales from outside the political bubble Wednesday evening as they began arriving for a summer retreat to get ready for a year of tough choices as the government figures out how to deliver on its long list of promises.

"It's good for all of us to get together, talk about what issues are coming up in our constituencies, so we can filter it in to the fall agenda," Veterans Affairs Minister Kent Hehr said as he greeted his Liberal caucus colleagues in the lobby of a hotel in Saguenay, Que., about 210 kilometres north of Quebec City. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is scheduled to arrive here Thursday morning, when the meetings begin in earnest, where he will address the national caucus after they have gathered in smaller regional groups.

The Liberals are being encouraged to spend their free time in the area, with a community event promising a chance for local residents to mingle with Trudeau and the MPs scheduled for Thursday evening.

The details of what will take

+ EXPENSES

The political pressure is mounting on Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to outline specific measures to control spending among his cabinet ministers, now that two of them find their own practices under the microscope. New Democrat caucus chair Charlie Angus and ethics critic Alexandre Boulerice have written to the prime minister about "questionable expenses" that they say may breach Trudeau's own standards of conduct when it comes to public funds.

precedence on the fall legislative agenda have yet to be shared, but Liberal MPs headed into two days of closed-door meetings said they hope for substantial discussions on everything from electoral reform to a review of anti-terror legislation.

The summer caucus meeting comes on the heels of a cabinet retreat in Sudbury, where the stagnant economy provided the context for a message that the second year in power will require some patience and acceptance of the fact that the government cannot please everyone all of the time.

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Prime Minister Justin Trudeau greets members of a Syrian refugee family during Canada Day celebrations on Parliament Hill. The NCCM, the Islamic Social Services Association and the Canadian Human Rights Commission have developed a guide for educators to help them understand the impact of the trauma Syrian kids have experienced abroad and also the experience they, and other Muslims, have of Islamophobia in Canada. JUSTIN TANG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

TOLERANCE

Guide helps schools battle Islamophobia

Last spring, school boards grappled with the practical issues that came with welcoming thousands of new Syrian students: finding them desks, pencils, books.

But as they gear up for this school year, Muslim organizations hope they can turn their attention to another problem: warding off the dirty looks — and worse — that many Muslim students say they get at school.

Schools have wrestled with Islamophobia since the terrorist attacks of 9/11 but there was never intense educator interest



The biggest take away is just to put yourself in the shoes of a Canadian Muslim student or a newly arrived refugee or immigrant student who is Muslim. Amira Elghawaby

in combating the problem, said Amira Elghawaby, communications director for the National Council of Canadian Muslims.

That's changed, she said. "The previous federal election where Islam and Muslims were at the forefront for all the wrong reasons, combined with the arrival of Syrian refugees,

suddenly this is on people's radars," she said.

As upwards of 25,000 Syrians have arrived in Canada since November, her organization has begun fielding far more calls about the issue — ranging from people ranting about refugees seeking to change Canadian culture to par-

ents panicked about their child experiencing Islamophobia. Teachers, too, were phoning, seeking resources to help them understand the issue and how to respond.

So the NCCM, the Islamic Social Services Association and the Canadian Human Rights Commission have developed a guide for educators to help them understand the impact of the trauma Syrian kids have experienced abroad and also the experience they, and other Muslims, have of Islamophobia here. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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'The town isn't here anymore'

NATURAL DISASTER

Earthquake leaves a trail of devastation in central Italy

Rescue crews using bulldozers and their bare hands raced to dig out survivors from a strong earthquake that reduced three central Italian towns to rubble Wednesday. The death toll stood at 159, but the number of dead and missing was uncertain given the thousands of vacationers in the area for summer's final days.

Residents wakened before dawn by the temblor emerged from their crumbled homes to find what they described as apocalyptic scenes "like Dante's Inferno," with entire blocks of buildings turned into piles of sand and rock, thick dust choking the air and a

putrid smell of gas.

"The town isn't here anymore," said Sergio Pirozzi, the mayor of the hardest-hit town, Amatrice. "I believe the toll will rise."

The magnitude 6.2 quake struck at 3:36 a.m. and was felt across a broad swath of central Italy, including Rome, where residents woke to a long swaying followed by aftershocks. The temblor shook the Lazio region and Umbria and Le Marche on the Adriatic coast, a highly seismic area that has witnessed major quakes in the past.

Dozens of people were pulled out alive by rescue teams and volunteers that poured in from around Italy.

"She's alive!" two women cheered as they ran up the street in Pescara del Tronto, one of the three hardest hit hamlets, after a 10-year-old girl was pulled from the rubble 17 hours after the quake struck.

+ MYANMAR

A powerful earthquake shook Myanmar on Wednesday, killing at least three people and damaging nearly a hundred ancient Buddhist pagodas in the former capital of Bagan.

Premier Matteo Renzi visited the zone Wednesday, greeted rescue teams and survivors, and pledged that "No family, no city, no hamlet will be left behind."

Italy's health minister, Beatrice Lorenzin, visiting the devastated area, said many of the victims were children: The quake zone is a popular spot for Romans with second homes, and the population swells in August when most Italians take their summer holiday before school resumes.

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Rescuers carry a stretcher following an earthquake in Amatrice, central Italy, on Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



A man leans



A survivor looks

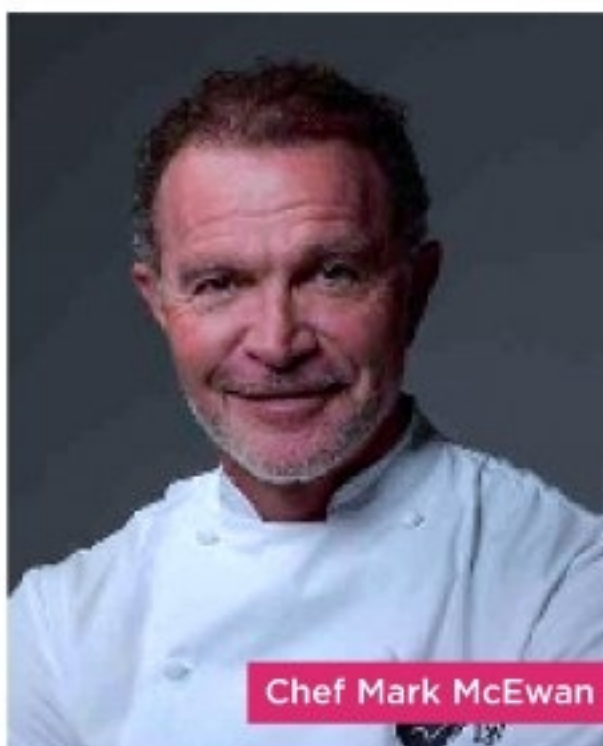


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on rubble after an earthquake in central Italy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



at collapsed buildings in Pescara del Tronto. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SPACE

Find raises hope for life off Earth

Out of the 100 billion stars in the Milky Way and the many multiples beyond it, one, the red dwarf Proxima Centauri, is our closest stellar neighbour.

On Wednesday, a team of astronomers announced they had discovered a planet orbiting Proxima Centauri — and that the planet is rocky, has a mass similar to Earth's and sits in the "goldilocks" zone where liquid water could exist on its surface.

Twenty-five years ago, astronomers had no direct evidence of planets beyond our solar system. Today, an Earth analogue — a primary target in the search for life elsewhere in the universe — is



An artist's rendering of the planet Proxima b orbiting Proxima Centauri. CONTRIBUTED

sitting a cosmic stone's throw away. Much remains unknown about the new planet, which has been dubbed Proxima b.

Just because water and life could exist doesn't mean they do.

But one fact is certain: the

discovery will set off a massive push to analyze the planet and piece together its history, using current ground-based observatories, soon-to-be-launched spacecraft and maybe — a big maybe — ambitious interstellar missions that entrepreneurs and scientists want to see launched within their lifetimes.

Proxima Centauri is one of three stars in the neighbouring Alpha Centauri system, which has long been a favourite of science fiction: the movie *Avatar* is set on a fictional moon in Alpha Centauri, and the *Transformers'* home world originally orbited there. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

CULTURE

Burkini debate heating up in France

A Muslim mother from France says she's going to challenge a fine for wearing a burkini on the Riviera.

The woman — who gave her name only as "Siam" — was ordered to remove her swimsuit by French police officers carrying pepper spray

and batons on August 16 in Nice.

Images circulated of at least four police officers standing around the woman just metres from the town's Promenade des Anglais, the scene of last month's Bastille Day truck attack which killed

86 people.

More than a dozen French communities along the Riviera have banned the burkini, which is much like a wetsuit but with a head covering.

Last week, Nice became the latest French resort city to ban the burkini.

Enforcement of burkini rules have triggered a fierce debate about the beachwear.

Even French Prime Minister Manuel Valls has weighed in, calling the burkini a symbol of women's enslavement.

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IN BRIEF

RBC 'monitoring' housing

Royal Bank is "closely monitoring" real estate markets in Vancouver and Toronto, where home prices have been climbing at a breakneck pace, CEO David McKay told analysts on a conference call. The analysts wanted to know what contingency plans were in place in the event of a downturn in house prices.

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Mickey, Minnie don Mountie's uniform

DISNEY

Canadian firm plans to ship 2,000 stuffies by Christmas

Two famous octogenarian recruits are set to join the ranks of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Mickey and Minnie Mouse will don the Mounties' red uniform, although neither has the required Canadian citizenship.

Stuffed animal versions of the Disney characters made by a Toronto toy company, 2 blue ducks, are due to hit the shelves of mom-and-pop, airport and souvenir stores across the country in a few months. The dolls are the fruits of more than two years of negotiations between the toy company, RCMP Foundation and Disney to ensure that the characters and uniform look just right, said Michael Glina, the



Mickey and Minnie Mouse will soon enough join the Mounties' ranks in red uniforms.

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company's managing director.

The toy company needed special permission from the RCMP Foundation to add a red bow

with white polka dots to Minnie's standard-issue hat, Glina said.

"Normally, the hat is iconic. You can't really mess with it, but we needed a distinguishable characteristic between Mickey and Minnie."

The RCMP Foundation, a nationally registered charity, also suggested that the text on Mickey and Minnie Mouse's shoulder patch be in both official languages.

The Mountie outfit has evolved

since the late 19th century into a Canadian symbol. The Norfolk jacket, or red serge, was chosen to mimic British army uniforms. Before the wide-brimmed hat became part of the official uniform in 1902, officers wore pith helmets or pillbox hats, RCMP Sgt. Penny Hermann said.

There was no particular reason to dress Mickey and Minnie in Mountie garb, but Glina says Canada's 150th anniversary next year is as good an occasion as any.

The contract was a big score for the Toronto company with two full-time employees, Glina and his wife Jenna — plus a "product tester," their 18-month-old son Cooper.

They plan to ship about 2,000 stuffies to Canada before Christmas. The couple considered making the toys domestically, but found that manufacturing them in Canada would be too expensive, Glina said. To bring the retail cost down to around \$30, the dolls are being made in China.

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LENDING

Household debt rising: Analysis

Canadians' non-mortgage debt loads picked up pace in the second quarter, putting households in an increasingly risky position, an RBC analysis suggested Wednesday.

Balances on consumer loans — including credit cards and lines of credit — grew by 2.6

per cent year-over-year, driven primarily by the continued popularity of lines of credit and auto loans. That was the first uptick in Canadians' appetite for those types of loans in 18 months, RBC economist Laura Cooper said in the report.

Meanwhile, mortgage loan

balances were up 6.2 per cent from the same quarter of the prior year as housing prices force many borrowers to take on bigger home loans.

Consumer spending has been the prime driver of the economy since the 2008-09 recession.

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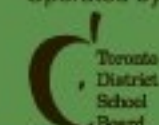
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CHANTAL HÉBERT ON MANDATORY VOTING



There are serious political and practical roadblocks in the way of having a different voting system in place in time for the next election. In a deadlock, could mandatory voting offer a fallback avenue to political consensus?

In the garden of electoral reform, mandatory voting is a low hanging fruit that all parties seem content — for now — to leave on the branch.

That may change if a special parliamentary committee on electoral reform appointed to make recommendations to Justin Trudeau's government ends up deadlocked over the big-ticket item on its agenda.

In the wake of Trudeau's promise to put in place a different voting system in time for the 2019 federal election a cottage industry of electoral experts has sprouted.

The Conservative contention that no move to a different system should take place without its ratification by a national referendum is only contributing to the growth of that industry.

Policy wonks who sometimes have not been heard from since the constitutional debates of the early 1990s are coming out of the woodwork to argue for their pet voting model, or to debate the pros and cons of having a reform ratified by all voters.

So far the public's engagement in this debate has been inversely proportional to the high academic and political interest it is eliciting. Anecdotal evidence suggests

that most voters do not see electoral reform as a defining issue of the Trudeau mandate.

But who knows? The unprecedented combination of a Liberal overture to do away with the first-past-the-post system with the long-held dream of the NDP and the

tion is part of the mandate of the special committee.

Mandatory voting is not a substitute for a more proportional voting system. It would address the issue of declining voter turnouts but would not lead to outcomes that more closely reflect the support

the battle. As often as not, the need to mobilize the base takes precedence over expanding a party's tent. It also provides an incentive for parties to practice dog-whistle politics. Mandatory voting could mitigate that tendency.

And then parties cater to those who vote. Mandatory voting would expand not only the pool of younger voters but also that of aboriginal Canadians whose turnout is well below the national average. In the last election, the Assembly of First Nations identified 51 ridings where the aboriginal vote could influence the outcome.

On paper, mandatory voting tends to favour progressive parties. Throwing more young voters in the mix could spell trouble for the Conservatives. They are often the third or fourth choice of that cohort. Chances are the official opposition is no more a fan of compulsory voting than it is of a different voting system.

But it is always risky to use today's trends to predict the electoral future, and not just because political parties tend to adapt to new dynamics.

On that score, consider that not so long ago many analysts would have seen the introduction of compulsory voting in Quebec as a gift designed to keep on giving for the Parti Québécois. For most of its history, it had tended to be the party of choice of young Quebecers. The younger cohort consistently favoured sovereignty. But in 2016, the reverse would be true.

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Minister of Democratic Institutions Maryam Monsef appears at an electoral reform committee meeting in Ottawa in July. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Green Party for more proportional representation could yet lead to change. Still, the fact is that there are serious political and practical roadblocks in the way of having a different voting system in place in time for the next election.

In a deadlock, could mandatory voting offer the special committee a fallback avenue for attaining a political consensus?

To varying degrees two of the parties on the committee have flirted with the idea in the past. It was part of the Green party's 2015 platform. In 2014, the Liberals — under Trudeau — sounded out their members on it. It is no accident that exploring the op-

each party receives.

Settling for a reform along those lines would undoubtedly amount to a climbdown from Trudeau's promise and fall well short of the hopes of the NDP and the Greens.

But the introduction of mandatory voting could bring about transformative change in time for the 2019 election without foreclosing the option of switching to a different voting system at some later point down the road.

It would alter the electoral dynamics in a number of quantitative and qualitative ways. Here are some of them:

In a system where voting is not compulsory, ensuring that one's supporters show up to vote is sometimes half

Places to swim still beachhead for bigotry



Shree Paradkar

When Penny Oleksiak made Canadian history this month with a golden victory at Rio, she tied for first place with a 20-year-old who made Olympic history. American Simone Manuel is the first black woman to win an individual Olympic gold in swimming.

Manuel was not just swimming the 100-metre freestyle to win, she was also swimming against a historic legacy of discrimination that kept black people out of swimming pools and public beaches in the U.S., a practice that remained even after schools were desegregated.

Given these historic disincentives, a majority of young African-Americans today can't swim. To them all, Manuel's win is a beacon of possibilities.

That long step to the top of the podium provided good news at a time when, far from turning the tide towards inclusion, places to swim have been exposed as beachheads for bigotry. The place to bare bodies has also laid bare deep-seated racial, cultural and gender-based biases across the Western world. Here are three recent examples.

As reported here in Toronto in July, a hijab-wearing mother was told to leave a public pool if she didn't change her daughter's long shorts and T-shirt, although they were swimwear. (It was deemed OK for her son to wear that.)

In the United States in June, the American Red Cross was forced to apologize after a social media post elicited outrage over a safety poster that labelled white kids "cool" for obeying the rules and kids of

colour "uncool" for disobeying them.

In France, the city of Cannes and 15 towns chose to uphold the nation's traditions of liberté et égalité by imposing more rules around women's clothing. On Aug. 12, it banned the burkini — full body-covering swimsuits — on its beaches. The ban does not apply to full-body covering scuba diving suits. Perhaps there was a safety angle to this?

There isn't. The city's decidedly non-Muslim mayor said burkinis were "the uniform of extremist Islamism, not of the Muslim religion."

Beaches have been on the front lines for racial supremacy, as witnessed during Australia's Cronulla Riots of 2005. That country's largest racial riots were sparked off by in Sydney's beach suburb of Cronulla between Australia's much-vaunted lifeguards (who were white) and a group of Lebanese men.

Going to the seaside can be a time of calm reflection and recreation, so why does stripping down to get into water end up stripping down the notion of inclusiveness?

Through the 20th century, going to a pool meant you could afford to pay for it, going to a beach meant you could afford the time for leisure. Both symbolized privilege and luxury, available to a select few.

Gradually opening pools and beaches to all people diluted that privilege. Modern laws don't allow for direct exclusion, but being offended by what others wear, or how they behave, simply allows the threatened elite to disguise their bigotry.

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Is Shakespeare due for a shakeup?

THEATRE

Baffled by the Bard, thespians take a red pen to his words

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Be honest: How much of this speech, from Act I of Shakespeare's dark comedy *All's Well That Ends Well*, do you understand?

O, will you eat no grapes, my royal fox?

Yes, but you will my noble grapes, an if

My royal fox could reach them: I have seen a medicine

That's able to breathe life into a stone,

Quicken a rock, and make you dance canary

With spritely fire and motion; whose simple touch,

Is powerful to araise King Pepin, nay,

To give great Charlemain a pen in's hand,

And write to her a love-line.

If you said "almost nothing," you're not alone.

Though his reputation as the be-all and end-all of English playwrights has barely budged an inch in the four centuries since his death, "the vast majority" of Shakespeare's words soar over audiences' heads, said Holger Syme, a University of Toronto English professor and Shakespeare expert.

It's a bit of a dirty little secret among theatregoers: For some "really strange" reason, people seem reluctant to admit Shakespeare is difficult, he said.

And, in the words of linguist John MacWhorter, even modest attempts to translate the Bard into modern English are seen as "sacrilege" to many literary and theatre types.

That may be changing: Some envelope-pushing productions are willing to be called blasphemous by the purists.

Take the traditional summer Shakespeare in Toronto's High Park. In what Syme calls their most "radical" and "experimental," season in years, Canadian Stage is presenting, on alternate nights, a compact, 100-minute Hamlet (Benedict Cumberbatch's



Clockwise from top: Nicky Guadagni (centre, long sleeves) as the countess, and Rachel Jones (far right) as the lewd clown Lavache in *All's Well That Ends Well* in Toronto's High Park; Frank Cox-O'Connell's hipster Hamlet confers with Rose Tuong in the role of Ophelia; a raucous scene from *All's Well That Ends Well*.

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version clocks in at 271), and a wild, gender-bending rendition of *All's Well That Ends Well* where the word "slut" replaces "knave."

In the latter play, the clown Lavatch, recast as a sultry nightclub singer, delivers explanatory monologues in modern English.

Audience member Chloe Wilson said she understood about 70 per cent of *All's Well*, though some puns and jokes escaped her. "I really liked it," she said. "For the most part, just from the context of what's happening, I find I can follow it pretty well."

Her friend Doug Tynes copped to taking in only about 40 per cent. "It's like a different language," he said.

At the heart of the debate about how to make Shakespeare intelligible to people like Doug, Syme said, is the question of what kind of confusion is good, and what's just, well, confusing.

After all, he said, people didn't speak in verse in the 1600s. Shakespeare was dense and hard to understand then, too — just for a different reason. It's why the Bard often repeated the same statement two different ways.

"Bouncing back and forth between being lost and understanding is really quite central to how Shakespeare works ... except if you're not bouncing back," Syme said.

He has his students pore over



the plays' full text and footnotes, but in performance it's "ridiculous" to refuse to tweak words that make no sense to a modern audience, he said.

(In the passage above, for example, "quicken" doesn't mean "speed up." In Shakespeare's time, it meant "bring to life.")

It's an impossible burden to place on actors "to make sure people understand every word."

The words aren't where the magic comes from, explained Frank Cox-O'Connell, who stars as Hamlet in High Park.

"Plays are stories. They're not precious texts that we need to be deciphering word-by-word," he said. "We want to make the audi-

ence believe I'm really thinking this, and I'm really going through it in real time. That's the energy of a live performance."

Nicky Guadagni, who plays Polonius in *Hamlet* and the countess in *All's Well*, said audience confusion is painfully obvious in a bright outdoor park, miming a slack-jawed expression.

So, she explained, early in *All's Well*'s run, lines like "To Paris!" and "to Rousillon!" were added to show where the action was.

Birgit Duarte, who directed *Hamlet*, took a similar approach: She remixed the script from its most "timeless," parts: "The family dynamics we all still recognize: generational conflicts,

TEST YOURSELF

It's hard for even the most literary theatregoer to follow a Shakespeare play. Some words, circa 1600, meant the exact opposite of how we understand them today. Take these lines from *Hamlet*:

"I'll make a ghost of he who **lets** me."

Lets, in this sense, actually means "prevents."

"Here's fine revolution, **and** we had the trick to see't."

And, here, means "if," not "in addition to."

HOLGER SYME/BIRGIT DUARTE



I'm worried about Shakespeare. It risks becoming a sort of museum: You go because that's what you do as an educated person.

Holger Syme, professor

grieving a parent, the quarterlife crisis," she said.

She said it was totally unlike her experience as a director at the Stratford Shakespeare Festival: home of beautiful, expensive, epic plays that barely stray from the text or the period aesthetic.

Syme recently watched a superb but faithful *Macbeth* in England, a play he's been teaching for 12 years.

"I was struggling to make sense of speeches I know quite well," Syme said. "I'm sure some people are so immersed in the language that they never trip up. But I find that hard to imagine."

He said the theatre world needs to confront the "persistent myth" that if you're human, you'll understand Shakespeare's transcendent words. Otherwise, he said, the Bard risks "becoming a sort of museum: You go because that's what you do as an educated person."

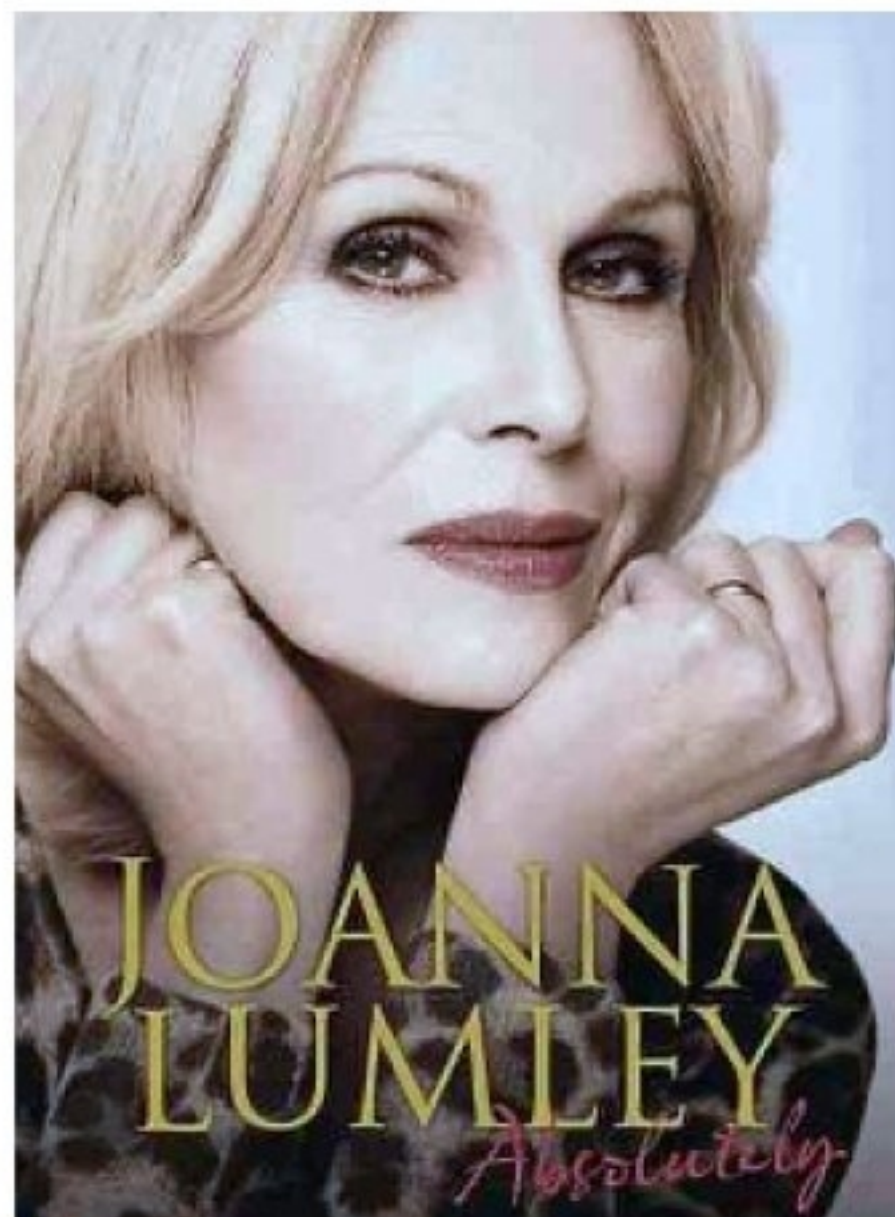
"That's not how theatre works. It's supposed to do something to you."

5 BOOKS THAT TELL THE STORIES OF FASCINATING PEOPLE

Let us introduce you to some very interesting individuals, who have their lives recounted through essays, a novel, a biography, a photo memoir, even a graphic novel. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

1 You'll Grow Out of It, Jessi Klein

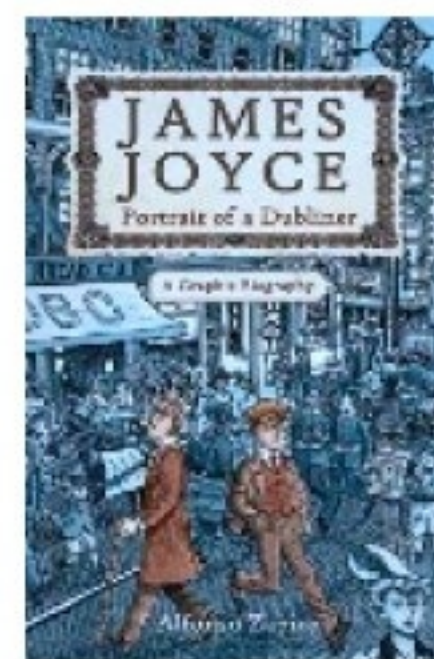
Jessi Klein has excellent comedic credentials: she's head writer and executive producer of *Inside Amy Schumer*, and she's worked as a writer for *Transparent* and *Saturday Night Live*. Her new book is a memoir in essays and it's an excellent showcase for her self-deprecating, transgressive humour. The grist for her mill includes such topics as "tom men," girls who never grow out of their tomboy phase; her obsession with Anthropologie shops; the pleasures of watching *The Bachelor*; lingerie and other manifestations of the "thong-industrial complex"; and more — two dozen essays in total.



3 Absolutely, Joanna Lumley

North American audiences know Joanna Lumley for her *Absolutely Fabulous* alter ego, Patsy Stone. Her scrapbook memoir, *Absolutely* (with this paperback edition out presumably to coincide with the release of *Absolutely Fabulous: The Movie*) offers a more textured portrait, with a lifetime of photos and memorabilia: as a child in Kashmir and Malaya, as a London model, as a glamour girl in films and TV shows, notably as Purdey on *The New Avengers*. Lumley is now 70 and this nostalgic book will appeal to anyone who pines for the days when England swung like a pendulum.

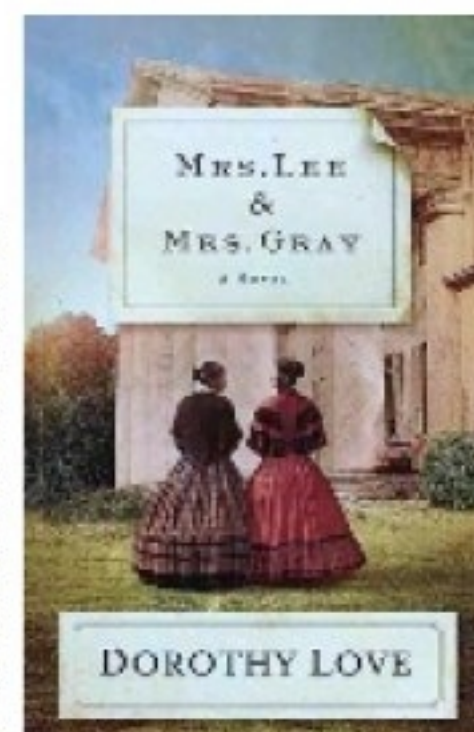
4 James Joyce: Portrait of a Dubliner, Alfonso Zapico



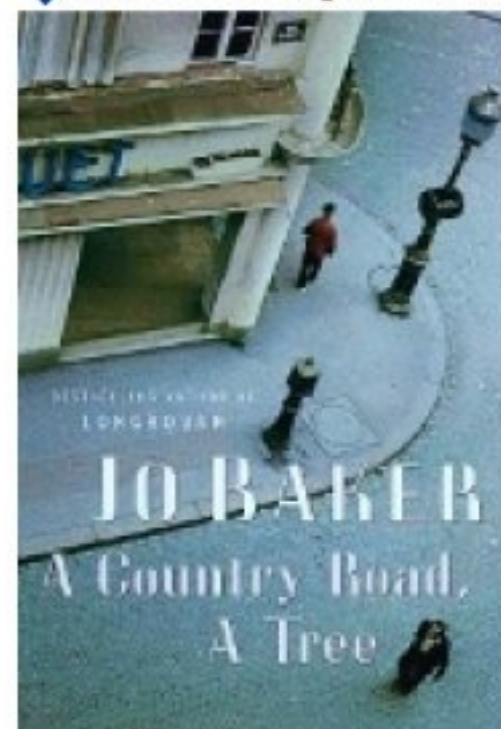
Alfonso Zapico's graphic biography of James Joyce won Spain's National Comics Prize when it was published there in 2011 and was warmly received when it was published in Ireland soon after. In hundreds of panels over 228 pages, Zapico tells the story of the young Jim Joyce growing up in Ireland, and his self-imposed exile as an adult in Paris, Trieste, Rome, London and Zurich, where he died in 1941. Now available in North America, it is an outstanding example of how far the art of cartooning has come and its potential for nuanced storytelling.

5 Mrs. Lee & Mrs. Gray, Dorothy Love

Hillary Clinton's historic nomination for president, and America's focus on feminism and race, gives Dorothy Love's new novel particular resonance. It is the fictionalized retelling of the true story of Mary Lee, the enlightened wife of Confederate General Robert E. Lee (and also George Washington's great granddaughter), and Selina Norris Gray, who as a child learns her ABCs at a schoolroom for slaves established by Mary and her mother. As an adult, Selina becomes Mary's lifelong confidante and housekeeper. Love specializes in historical novels with strong Southern women at their heart.



2 A Country Road, A Tree, Jo Baker

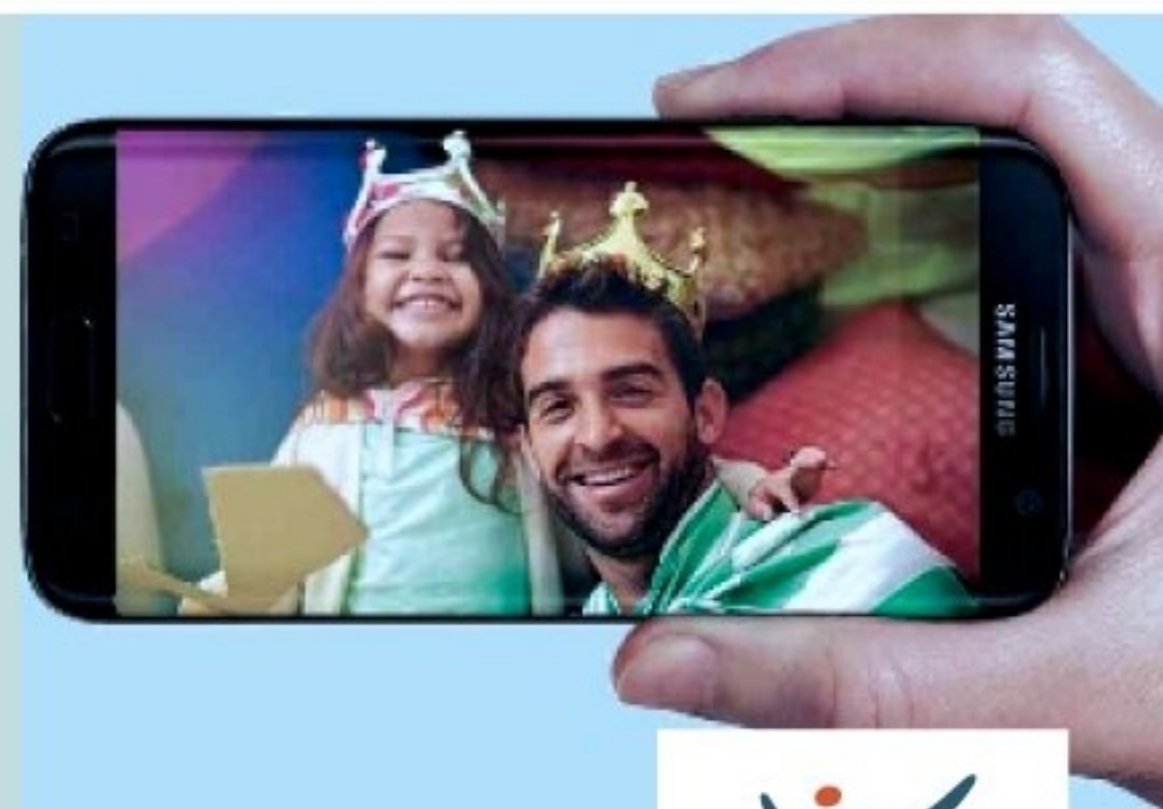


Jo Baker's last novel, *Longbourn*, a spin on *Pride and Prejudice*, focused on the servants toiling at the Bennet's middle-class home, their lives markedly more difficult than those of their employer. Her new novel is the real-life story of Samuel Beckett, the famed Irish-French writer, and the role he played during the Second World War — from the Nazi occupation of Paris in 1939, through his work for the French Resistance and his subsequent betrayal, until the end of the war (and the beginning of his creative self-discovery).

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Mixing the news with entertainment



Author Brad Schwartz explores the legacy of Orson Welles' War of the Worlds broadcast in his new book. ARCHIVE PHOTO

ANALYSIS

Drawing a line from War of the Worlds to Donald Trump

In 1938, the Germans had just invaded Czechoslovakia, the Depression was still raging and there were other daily terrors.

It was in this atmosphere of insecurity that Orson Welles and his company of actors, radio technicians and producers — the Mercury Theatre clan — created a radio program based on H.G. Wells' science fiction novel The War of the Worlds that scared the living daylight out of many who heard it.

It became a famous event in broadcast history. A. Brad Schwartz explores the phenomenon in Broadcast Hysteria: Orson Welles's War of the Worlds and the Art of Fake News.

It was a difficult time in America when Welles broadcast The War of the Worlds. The Second World War was about to begin in Europe; the Depression was still in effect. With massive unemployment in America, the scare caused by the kidnapping of the Charles Lindbergh baby, the closure of banks, the terrible hurricane that slammed New England, people were understandably tense.

I'm not sure if Welles consciously meant to create terror, but he had his antenna up and was drawing from what was in the culture at the time. There was a pervasive climate of fear and he was

drawn to that. The show had a particular impact because of the condition of the country at the time. The war, the hurricane, the Lindbergh kidnapping had all come over the radio. The radio was bringing a scary world into the living rooms of America.

While the War of the Worlds broadcast is the most famous radio show of its type, other radio stations had done similar things before. I'm thinking about WGN in Chicago and its fake news show.

Welles wasn't the first with his War of the Worlds, but he was the first who took techniques and ideas and put them in one program. What struck me was how much the normal news coverage of the time was dramatized or gussied up to make it more entertaining. We think of that period as the golden age of journalism. But news readers were like actors with personality and events were staged.

Welles was indirectly incorporating those techniques in War of the Worlds, showing the dangers of the news format when you blur the line between news and entertainment. So much of (Donald) Trump's rise can be explained by this need to view news as

entertainment. A news organization such as CNN is a business; they are selling their product to advertisers. Trump, whatever you say about him, is entertaining.

Scholars who studied Welles' War of the Worlds determined it had far less of an impact than we were led to believe. Very few people, in fact, believed Martians had landed. But it did change the way people studied and thought about radio.

The panic was greatly exaggerated. Many were frightened by the show for a minute, yes; it may have happened before common sense kicked in. But stories about people grabbing shotguns and pulling kids into the car and racing away were very rare. Most people who were frightened, which was a small fraction of the audience, sat listening until the station break. This story about War of the Worlds becomes a warning for the social media age. When we are in an environment where people are frightened, fear becomes contagious. It is the whole viral idea. Fast-forward 80 years to the age of Twitter, where it is about sharing information or misinformation.

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“It was a lesson that you need to be critical about what you hear. A lesson that holds true today

Brad Schwartz on the impact of War of the Worlds broadcast

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He bid goodbye to the 'boob tube' era

INTERVIEW

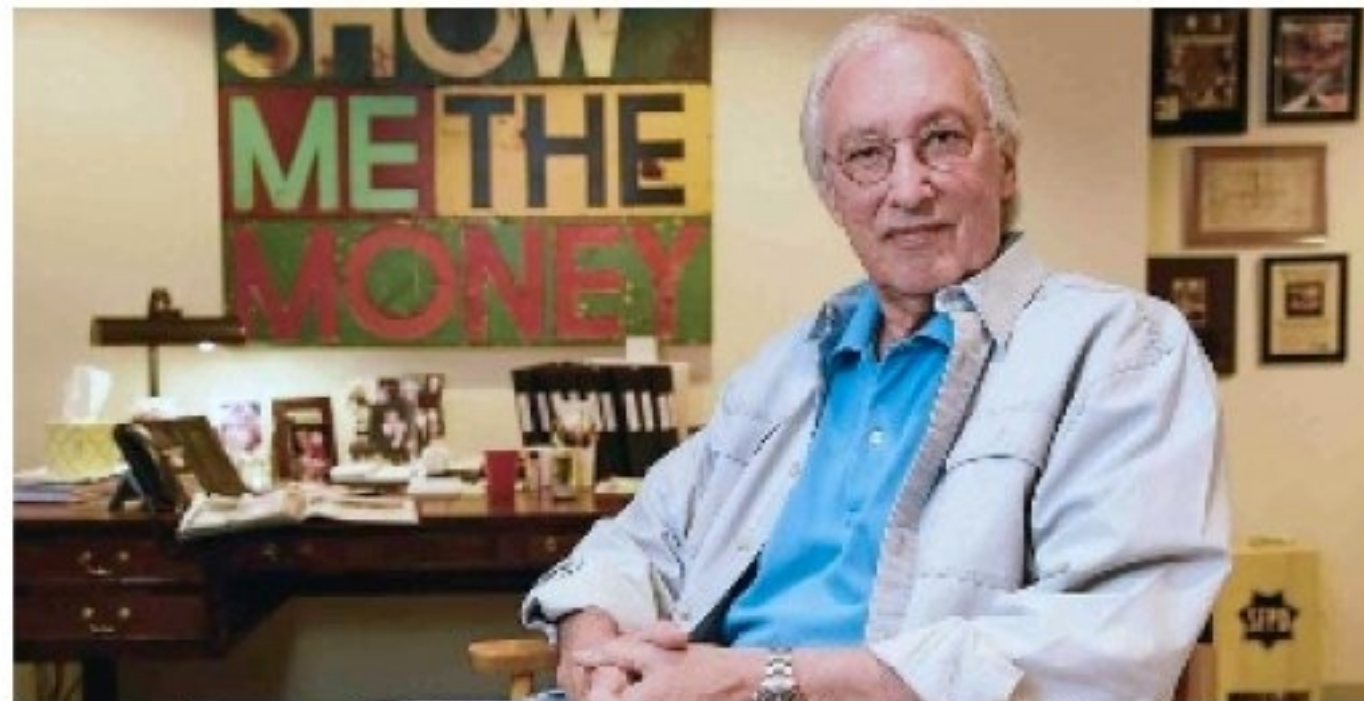
Hill Street Blues creator Bochco reflects on over 50 years in TV

For viewers who rejoice in TV's artistic upsurge, one virtuoso perhaps more than anyone can be credited for elevating the medium from its bygone "boob tube" status.

Steven Bochco flinches at the mention of his half-century writing and producing TV. Could it really be that long? But his list of credits documents his legacy. Consider: the breakthrough hits L.A. Law and NYPD Blue, the pioneering half-hour dramedy Doogie Howser, MD and the groundbreaking legal drama Murder One, which, instead of a self-contained case every week, dared to delve into a complex single case throughout the season.

Yet for Bochco, the TV revolutionary, Hill Street Blues came first. And it pretty much changed everything.

In his self-published memoir *Truth Is a Total Defence: My Fifty Years in Television* (CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform; \$16.99), Bochco takes the reader through his prolific career, which he began at 22 as a story editor on a popular NBC drama, *The Name of the Game*,



Steven Bochco's memoir *Truth Is a Total Defence: My Fifty Years in Television* tells how he changed TV series production. CHRIS PIZZELLO/INVISION/AP

and continues today with his latest creation, *Murder in the First*, in its third season on TNT.

In his book, Bochco recalls his great collaborations and his battles royal with actors, studio heads and network execs. Along the way, he expounds on something even more important to him: How, at age 72, he's still alive.

"Everything is fine," he reports, and looks it, as he greets a reporter at his office in Santa Monica, California. He says he's coming up on two years since the bone-marrow transplant he underwent during his battle with leukemia.

"The thing I like most about the book was the juxtaposition of a career that had a pretty great arc to it with the fight for my life."

"Most of us live our lives being afraid of death, and when it was actually on my doorstep I was terrified," he says.

Bochco grew up in Manhattan, the son of a painter and a concert violinist. After a brief dalli-

ance writing for the big screen, Bochco resolved to stick with television, despite what, then, was its second-class standing. Nowhere was the writer's vision more revered than at MTM Enterprises, a creative hotbed where he was invited to cook up a new kind of cop drama.

Teamed with Michael Kozoll ("I was never a one-man band," Bochco says of his career) he was game for such an opportunity, with one proviso: He and Kozoll would have creative control over the script.

The pilot script they wrote, and the series that resulted, redefined TV drama. From *The Sopranos* to *The Shield* from *Game of Thrones* to *Mad Men*, the fruits of TV's latter-day Golden Age stem from Hill Street Blues. It had a sprawling universe of engaging yet flawed characters, a zippy pace. But what really set the show apart were the multiple narratives that interlaced each episode with those that came before and after.

Bochco recalls a fan telling him that Hill Street Blues was the first TV series with a memory.

"That's what I always thought of myself doing in the context of TV: craft a show that over time would have a memory," he says. "I sensed that very early in my career. It just took me another 10 or 12 years to get to the point where I earned the right to take a shot at it."

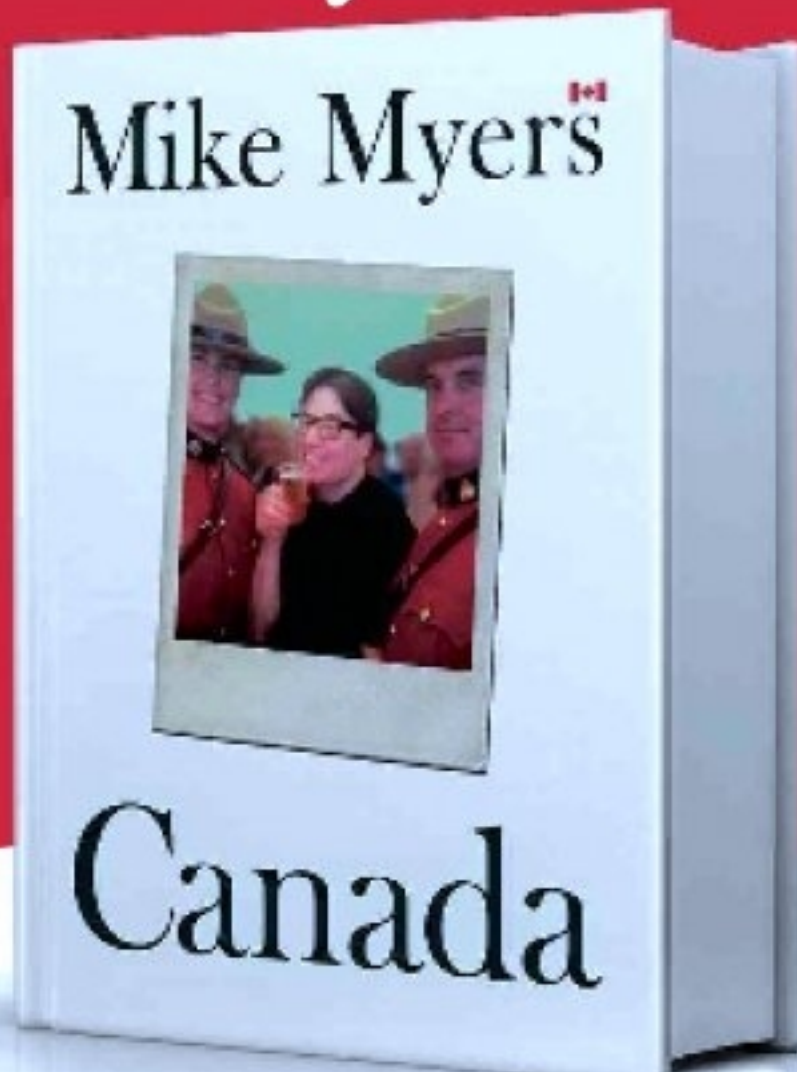
Premiering in January 1981, Hill Street Blues challenged the meagre audience that sampled. Then, on a wave of critical acclaim, the series began to click, while scoring a historic 27 Emmy nominations its first year.

During its seven-season run, it would win 26 Emmys and launch Bochco on a course that has led to dozens of series and 10 Emmys and four Peabody awards.

"I had a 20-plus-year run where I was pretty much the captain of my own boat," he says, "and I loved it. But TV is a business where the goal posts keep moving." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Rising out of the wreck of addiction

NON FICTION

The long history of alcohol and literature

The celebrated American writer John Cheever, who knew a thing or six about the topic, described a moment when he discovered alcohol's merciful capacity for curing the many torments that plagued him.

Preparing for an intimidating social gathering, he "bought a bottle of gin and drank four fingers neat," he wrote. "The company was brilliant, chatty and urbane and so was I."

Words. Stories. Wit. Repartee. Le mot juste. All to the clinking of cocktail glasses. Who wouldn't say, "Why, yes, bar-keep, I think I will have another!"

Cheever was neither the first nor last to draw a link between drink and yarn-spinning. Nor was he breaking new ground in the monumental self-delusion that chronic intoxication can produce.

No matter. His words accurately capture a sensation the habitually besotted will recognize. The idea persists that charm and creativity are the salubrious byproducts of alcoholic intake.

True enough, even (perhaps especially) writers who drank themselves to early graves did leave behind a wealth of searing, slurring, self-pitying and admirably pithy observations on the matter of ink and drink.

So, happily for them, the Chicago journalist Neil Steinberg and quote-collecting collaborator



in their book, Neil Steinberg and Sara Bader look at man and woman's long and storied relationship with alcohol. ISTOCK IMAGES

ator Sara Bader had a rich lode to mine in compiling their sampler of thoughts — rueful and revelatory — on (wo)man's complex and enduring relationship with alcohol.

Out of the Wreck I Rise: A Literary Companion to Recovery, published in early September by University of Chicago Press, is like a pub crawl around the globe and across the ages, in company with an artistic who's who of brilliant if besotted company.

From Anais Nin to Jack London, the authors cull timeless truths.

"A martini makes an ordinary glass shine like a diamond at a coronation, makes an iron bed in Mexico seem like the feather bed of a sultan. . . ." — Nin's diary, summer 1953.

"All ways led to the saloon." — Jack London, John Barleycorn.

From the Eugenes — O'Neill and Ionesco — a glimpse inside the distorted mind and tormented body of the addicted.

"Only a drink makes me feel alive at all," O'Neill wrote in a 1920 letter to his wife.

"I don't even know if I am me. Then as soon as I take a drink, the lead slips away and

I recognize myself," wrote Ionesco in Rhinoceros.

The book's title alone will please imbibers of literary bent. Out of the Wreck I Rise comes from Robert Browning's poem "Ixion," about a mythological king bound to a wheel in Hell, whirling forever in torment.

The image is all too apt.

The book is offered, the authors say, in hope its contents might form threads of memory to be seized when all else goes blank.

"One central truth of addiction is that, as lonely as you feel, you are not, in fact, alone,"

MORE ON THE SUBJECT

Six other takes:

Writers reminisce

Those Drinking Days: Myself and other Writers, by Donald Newlove

Fuel for the story

Alcohol and the Writer, by Donald W. Goodwin

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The Thirsty Muse: Alcohol and the American Writer, by Tim Dardis

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The Trip to Echo Springs, On Writers and Drinking, by Olivia Laing

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they write. "Not only are millions struggling with the same problem you are facing right now, but they always have been. Among them, writers and philosophers, poets and playwrights, who have thought and written about this fight for thousands of years."

That connection of one sufferer to another, however tenuous and fleeting, is crucial. For searing loneliness and estrangement from the human race is the inevitable lot of the sot.

"Drinking heavily, you abandon people — and they abandon you — and you abandon

yourself," Jack Kerouac wrote in *Some of the Dharma*.

Steinberg knows the terrain. In 2008, he authored *Drunkard: A Hard-Drinking Life*. It begins with his coming to in a jail cell in 2005, the result of having hit his wife. It follows the uneven course of his sobering. In its alternating regret, denial, defiance and moments of clarity and surrender, it rings entirely true.

In the introduction to this new book, he opens by calling the search for sobriety, at least for drinkers of his ilk, "the hardest thing you'll ever do."

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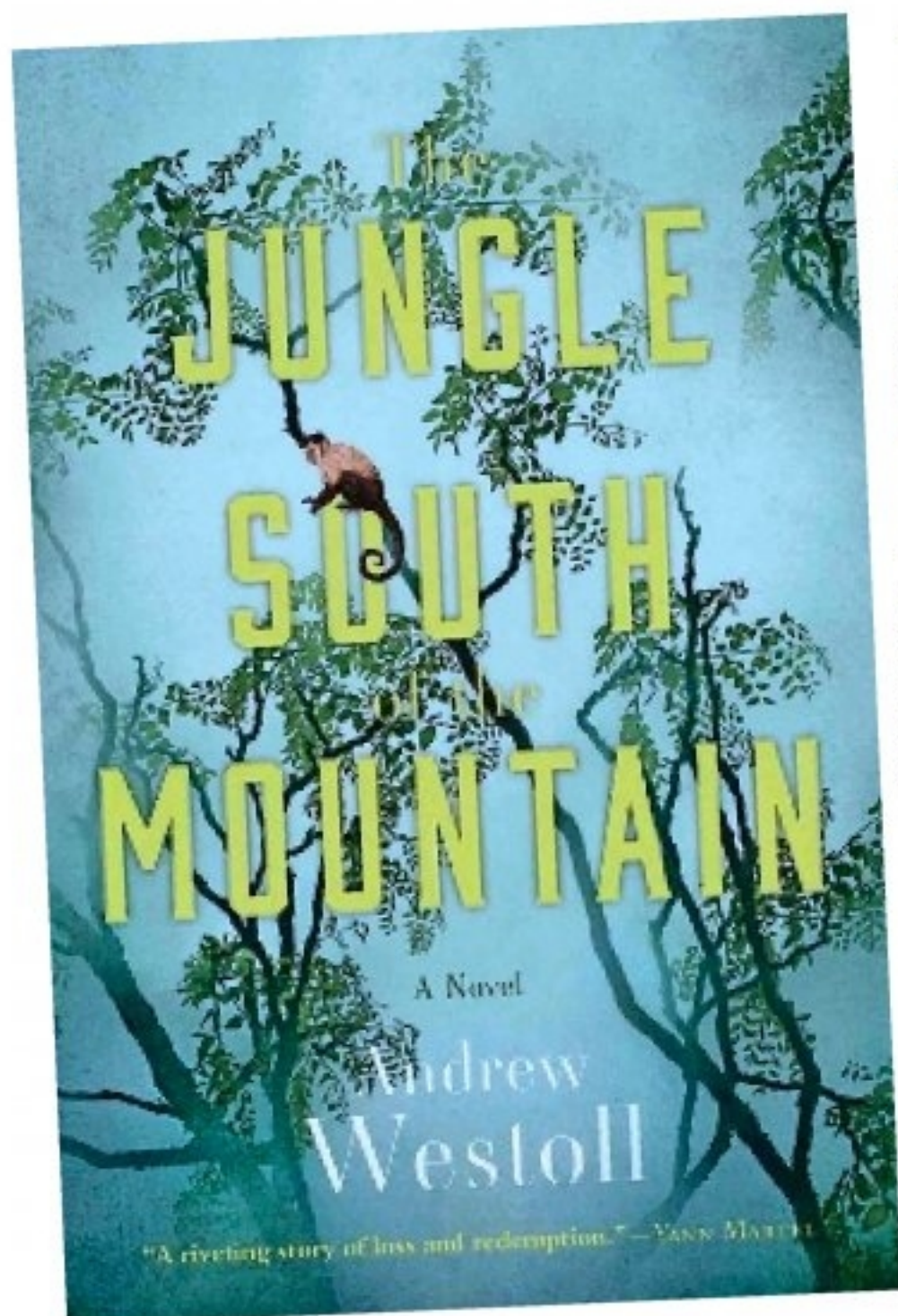
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Welcome to the jungle

NOVEL

A real attack on capuchin monkeys impacts story

Sue Carter
For Metro Canada



It's been more than a decade since Andrew Westoll has spent time in the rainforest amongst the capuchin monkeys, but the sounds and sights, and the emotions they conjure in the former primatologist have never completely vanished.

Now, they're at the heart of his first novel, *The Jungle South of the Mountain*, a psychological mystery mixed with magical realism set deep in an unnamed South American country.

"I had my own experiences in the upper Amazon basin, years and years ago," Westoll says. "They just felt like they totally hadn't been put through the sieve."

Westoll, who left science to focus on writing, made a name for himself with his

travel memoir *The Riverbones*, which captures his time in the Suriname jungle, and the award-winning *The Chimps of Fauna Sanctuary*, a biography of a group of rescued chimpanzees living in Quebec.

But he started his career writing fiction while working on his creative-writing MFA at the University of British Columbia. Like many authors, Westoll has an early "drawer novel" tucked away, but despite his success with non-fiction had always wanted to return to the genre.

The Jungle South of the Mountain follows Stanley, a scientist who has been living for years immersed in a rain forest on the northern coast of South America.

While in mourning after the loss of his son, and the departure of his fellow scientist and wife, Maria, Stanley finds him-

self embroiled in local politics and the mysterious disappearance of the troop of monkeys they've been tracking.

Stanley came to Westoll one night while wondering what would happen to a scientist who stayed in the jungle too long.

"Once I had that idea, I realized this could be a really amazing way to put my relationship to that part of my life to bed," he says.

He knew Stanley needed some kind of adversary, and so to refresh his memory, the next morning he began looking up videos of capuchin monkeys.

He came across one shaky video taken immediately after a troop of monkeys was attacked by a powerful harpy eagle.

Westoll heard a man's voice exclaim in horror, and realized it was his own. He had totally

forgotten shooting the video, and hadn't realized it had been posted online.

"When I heard my voice, it all came rushing back, the power of that moment," he says. "It's profoundly upsetting when you spend all this time with the monkeys and you've named half of them. You see them come under attack like that and it's troubling. I just knew that what's what was going to happen."

Although *The Jungle South of the Mountain* is far from being autobiographical, Westoll did draw on the internal conflict between rationalism and spiritual faith he's experienced in his own career.

"When I left science, I left because I believed more strongly in the larger truths that literature provides," he says. "It's not that I don't believe the truths of science, I just didn't want to spend my life obsessing over data. I wanted to go in a different direction and use storytelling as a way of understanding the world around me."



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Author Andrew Westoll

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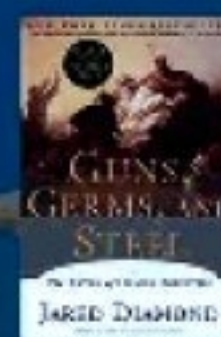
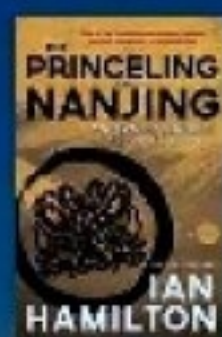
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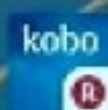
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In Italy, the tradition of aperitivo goes beyond a cocktail — it's a prized social routine. The concept is based around an alcoholic drink to encourage one's appetite, but it's really a platform for conversation and company. Marisa Huff takes a closer look in her new book *Aperitivo*. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Drinking it all in...



Turin, where a movement was born

Turin was the birthplace of the modern Italian aperitivo after liquorist Antonio Benedetto Carpano debuted the fortified wine he called vermouth at his workshop in 1786. By the 1850s, most bars and restaurants in town employed a master drink maker.



Dreams, with cheese please

Piedmont loves its cheese, with the small town of Bra hosting a four-day cheese festival every two years. The region's fresh raw-milk goat cheeses have an acidic flavour, so here they're served with pink peppercorns, olive oil and a dash of flaky sea salt.



Tremendous tramezzini

The term "tramezzini" — soft, crustless sandwiches — was coined to replace "sandwich" when Mussolini outlawed the use of non-Italian words. Padua's Gran Caffè Diemme serves a shrimp tramezzini as well as a carbonara tramezzini, packed with hard-cooked eggs and grated cheese.



For whom the Bellini tolls...

The Bellini — a swirl of sparkling wine and white peach puree — was made famous at Venice's Harry's Bar in the '30s. Now, many of Venice's bars insist on serving the drink only during the summer when white peaches are available.



Keeping it all Rialto

No trip to Venice is complete without taking in the Rialto Market, a bustling seafood treasure trove that has been operating for seven centuries. If the seafood was snared locally, it'll be tagged "nostrano;" the same goes for seasonal veggies.

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Abs are sculpted in the kitchen

COOKBOOK

Fix up your summer diet with this bun free slider

It's a common error in fitness to think that you can out-train a bad diet, but Kevin Curry knows better.

The Fit Men Cook blogger follows the "abs are made in the kitchen" mantra, and serves up his own refrain on his site, taking it one step further:

"Our bodies are built in the kitchen and sculpted in the gym," he says.

Curry, who has recently appeared on NBC's Today Show and ABC's Live with Kelly, operates Fit Men Cook, a website, smartphone app and popular Instagram account aimed at healthy food ideas for gym rats (with content for men and women, despite the name).

He's also author of No Cheats Needed and the upcoming Fit-MenCook Cookbook.

The blog: FitMenCook.com website, social media accounts

and smartphone app.

The recipe below skips the classic bread slider for two slices of eggplant, and puts a twist on the traditional chicken salad and opts for Greek yogurt. If you prefer mushy eggplant grill it longer. This slider should be eaten with a knife and fork.

Spicy Chicken Salad Grilled Eggplant Sliders

Makes 4 to 5 sliders.

Ingredients:

- 2 (430 g) boneless, skinless chicken breasts cut into pieces
- 1 tsp (5 mL) each garlic powder and onion powder
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) non-fat Greek yogurt
- 60 g goat cheese
- 1/2 red bell pepper, seeded and diced
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) each black pepper and cayenne pepper
- 1/2 red onion, diced
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) paprika
- Mrs. Dash Southwest Chipotle blend seasoning
- Olive oil
- 1 large purple eggplant cut into one inch circles, about 8 to 10 slices



This slider replaces bread buns with eggplant. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

- Spinach or desired greens as garnish

Directions:

1. In a skillet on medium heat cook chicken breasts until flesh is white, about 10 minutes. Set aside to cool.

2. In a food processor, blend chicken, garlic powder and onion powder.

3. In a bowl, combine blended chicken, non-fat Greek yogurt, cheese, red pepper, black pepper, cayenne pepper and

onion. Add paprika and Mrs. Dash to taste.

4. Lightly spray a skillet with olive oil. Over medium high heat sear both sides of the eggplant slices, about 1 to 2 minutes per side.

5. Spoon chicken salad mix in equal portions onto half of eggplant slices. Garnish with leafy greens.

6. Top with remaining eggplant slices.

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Can they say that on network TV?

INTERVIEW

It's the after-party conversations that reveal most about friends in their 20s

Melita Kuburas
Metro | Canada



As the saying goes, "write what you know" — and if that's true then a TV series about being drunk and high at 4 a.m. is right in Ira Parker's wheelhouse, he jokes.

Parker is the creator of *Four in the Morning*, a comedy launching Friday at 9 p.m. on CBC about a group of friends in their 20s who, after a night of partying, discuss oral sex, abortions, failed job searches and relationships. Speaking really fast, they proclaim love and confess betrayal of one another, sometimes in the same breath (there are 15 pages of dialogue in just the opening scene of the pilot, which takes place in a diner).

If it sounds like the show may push the limits of network TV, it probably will. This ain't no *Little Mosque on the Prairie*.

When Parker, who has roots in Toronto but now lives in L.A., first learned CBC was interested in the show, he says he was terrified they would want to censor it. But a meeting with reps indicated the network wouldn't tone down it down to the point of Pollyanna.

"My first question was — 'Do I have to take out all the 'f—ks'? And they looked at me, and they were like, 'No, leave them in,' Parker tells Metro. "So I pushed it a little bit more: I was like, 'I have an idea for an episode where the characters do a sh-t-ton of blow. Can I do that?' And they were like,



Four in the Morning stars Daniel Maslany as Bondurant, Lola Tash as Mitzi, Mazin Elsadig as William and Michelle Mylett as Jamie. The diner scenes were filmed in Toronto's Patrician Grill on King Street East. CONTRIBUTED



Over the course of the season, we're really gonna put these relationships through the ringer

Ira Parker, about backstabbing and betrayal in *Four in the Morning*

"Yeah, as long as it makes sense for the story, go ahead."

Four in the Morning is not a show about debauchery, however. It's about those rare moments when the booze starts to wear off that might reveal more tender, sweet and sad aspects of young adulthood.

"I wanted to jump in after the partying and recklessness," says Parker. "After you've been out all night, what is that walk home like? What is that hyper-emotional melodramatic evening like? When you say these things that you rarely have the competence or the courage to say during the more reasonable hours of the day."

For Daniel Maslany's character, a boisterous jazz musician named

Bondurant, that after-party gusto translates into having the nerve to tell his best friend William (Mazin Elsadig) that he's in love with his girlfriend, and expecting William to help him figure out what to do.

"I think it really establishes his unapologetic way of saying what he wants, what he feels, and how that matters," says Maslany, 27. "I think that's a big part of being in your 20s — figuring out, who am I socially? Who am I in my career? The show is about people making mistakes, and making an effort to find themselves."

While most of us would be slurring and stumbling while trying to fill our stomachs with something to soak up the alcohol, these characters sound

FAMILY MATTERS

Daniel Maslany on running lines with his famous sister

Daniel Maslany's theatre and musical background came in useful in his portrayal of the exuberant character Bondurant. It also helped to run lines with his talented sister, Emmy-nominated Tatiana Maslany of *Orphan Black*.

"My fiancé's an actor too, so I'm surrounded by other actors that are very close to me in my life. It's important to have them on your side. Everybody was so supportive during that audition process, including my sister," he says.

"It's been really exciting to see the journey she's on. Not only is she inspiring to me, but to actors everywhere because she's doing a role (in which) she's showing her diversity in the kinds of characters she can play.

"So it's always been inspiring to watch her work, even before *Orphan Black*."

intelligent and witty.

If that's unrealistic it's because they're unreliable narrators, made even more clear by moments of magical realism incorporated into the storyline. For instance, in the second episode the group parties with a couple of "daykids," which are people who are born with a condition that ages them an entire lifetime overnight.

For Maslany, the fantastical elements show what it can feel like to be in those strange moments at 4 a.m., where anything feels possible.

"You're in this pocket of time that's not when most people are awake. It doesn't feel restricted by the same social parameters or things you should be doing," Maslany says.



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JOHANNA SCHNELLER **WHAT I'M WATCHING**

Social media killed Wilmore



The Nightly Show with Larry Wilmore wasn't killed by ratings, it was lack of social media engagement. But that's because Wilmore didn't do viral bits, he did discussions. CONTRIBUTED

THE SHOW: *The Nightly Show with Larry Wilmore*, Season 2, Episode 147
THE MOMENT: The host's farewell

In the final minutes of his final show, host Larry Wilmore explains why the world map on his studio wall is upside-down. "Upside-down is just an opinion," he says.

"If you're floating in space, the Earth can take any orientation."

"But as a culture, we agree with the opinion that the world should be seen a certain way," he continues.

"So at *The Nightly Show*, our chief mission was to disagree with that premise, and to see the world in a way that might not make everyone comfortable, and to present a cast of people who don't always get to have a voice on that."

"On that front I believe we've been successful."

Neither Bruce Springsteen nor hordes of politicians sang out Wilmore, as they did Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert.

Given the speed of Wil-

more's cancellation, it's amazing he had a finale, period. (He was informed on Aug. 11 that his final show would be Aug. 18.)

Wilmore went out as he came in, attempting to engage the audience with an idea.

It wasn't low ratings that killed him. It was, in network terms, lack of social media engagement — viral bits, a la Jimmy Fallon's lip-synching contests.

But Wilmore didn't do bits. He did discussions.

Discussions about topics too nuanced and troubling (systemic racism, gun violence) for 140 characters.

I wish Comedy Central had seen the value in — the acute need for — a show that offered that, social media be damned.

Instead we'll get more celebrities bumping each other in sumo suits.

Sigh.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

CONTROVERSY

AFI cancels *The Birth of a Nation* screening

The American Film Institute has cancelled plans to screen writer-director Nate Parker's *The Birth of a Nation* for students this week amid controversies surrounding a rape accusation from 1999 against Parker and his co-writer.

The school planned to show the film and host a Q&A with Parker for its fellows, but late Tuesday, AFI dean Jan Schuette sent a note to students saying they would postpone until later in the year.

It would have marked the first time Parker has appeared in public since the case resurfaced nearly two weeks ago. Parker was acquitted.

Schuette said the school plans to hold a moderated discussion to explore issues of "messenger and message, gender, race and more."

The movie is slated to be screened next month at the Toronto International Film Festival.

However, Deadline.com is reporting that there will be no press conference held at TIFF for the film.

Parker will join the cast



Nate Parker in *The Birth of a Nation*. CONTRIBUTED

for press junket interviews on the weekend of Sept. 10-11, though.

Fox Searchlight still plans to release *The Birth of a Nation* on Oct. 7.

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CONDO TRENDS

Rail Deck park to address needs of core residents

Duncan McAllister
For Metro Canada



Mayor John Tory recently announced the City of Toronto's intention to protect more than 21 acres of land in the downtown core for the development of a massive urban greenspace that will straddle the existing rail corridor between Blue Jays Way and Bathurst Street.

The concept for Rail Deck Park, which is being billed as Toronto's Central Park, comes out of TOCore, the city's planning initiative tasked with studying how growth can positively contribute to Toronto's Downtown.

This is a region of intense residential condo development with Concord CityPlace's campus of tall towers along the southern edge, the fast-growing King and Spadina condo corridor, and an additional 40 applications for new buildings expected in the near future.

Rail Deck Park would be designed along the lines of the 24.5-acre Millennium Park in Chicago that's built over bus lanes and a rail yard.

The project is still at the very early stages of planning and needs to address air space rights and financing, says Ann-



Artist's renderings from city hall show how the park will benefit downtown Toronto's 245,000 largely condo-dwelling residents. The middle inset photo shows what the area currently looks like. IMAGES CITY OF TORONTO; INSET PHOTO: DUNCAN MCALLISTER/FOR METRO

Marie Nasr, a manager of strategic initiatives with the city's planning office who is involved with the project.

She says the growth in the neighbourhoods between King-Spadina and Concord CityPlace has been explosive.

"Between 1996 to now, it's gone from about a thousand people to about 40,000 today,"

Part of the mandate of the TOCore initiative is to determine how future growth will be accommodated and managed, and what physical and social infrastructure will be needed.

"We have about 250,000 people in the downtown now, and our prediction is about 475,000 people by 2041," says

Nasr.

City staff will present a report at the Executive Committee meeting on September 22.

"The idea is to look at a feasibility study into pursuing the Rail Deck Park and putting forward a planning framework that would support it," explains Nasr.

One of the new condo de-

velopments surrounding the proposed park is Minto Westside.

The 660-unit midrise is designed by Wallman Architects and will be located along the northern edge of the park at Bathurst and Front streets.

According to Wells Baker, Minto's director of conservation and sustainable design,

the park will provide a positive lifestyle aspect for condo owners and their families.

"John Tory's recent announcement is incredible news for people living and working downtown. It's really exciting that residents at Minto Westside could one day have this fantastic park right at their doorstep."

SMALL SPACES

New Ikea catalogue embraces our modern lifestyle

Zoe McKnight
Torstar News Service

For many, braving the crowds at Ikea for off-to-college or back-to-school shopping is an end-of-summer routine.

That makes August one of the Swedish home retailer's busiest months. It also marks the launch of the annual, much-anticipated catalogue.

This year's shopping guide reflects the findings of a recent survey conducted by Ikea:

people are living in spaces and under arrangements very different from four decades ago when Ikea launched in Canada.

The company's latest Life at Home Report — a survey of 12,000 people in 12 cities around the world, including Toronto — acknowledges the social changes that have altered the way homes are arranged: the growth of single-person households, small spaces, shared or temporary accommodations, lack of housing, caring for elders at home and college grads moving back in.

"We're noticing a lot of open concept rooms in a home. It's often a shared space, with multiple generations doing different things," Frechette says.

Many of the catalogue's images reflect loft-style and condo living, with exposed bricks and pipes, bikes in the hallway and multiple roommates under one roof.

Families and friends eat at the coffee table or over the sink, kids play on bunk beds in the living room.

While the full Ikea kitchen is still a dream for many home-

owners, this year designers have come up with a kitchen that's portable for a more transient generation of renters with a "thin wallet and a small space." The guy in the photo has a man-bun, in case the millennial message wasn't clear.

Ikea spokeswoman Lucy Frechette said designers actually visited families in their homes for days at a time to observe routines and find out where frustrations lie — is it storage, counter space, privacy? — and then built products to make improvements.



Shared spaces are central to the new Ikea catalogue. SUPPLIED

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Amenities galore



159SW

Project overview

The latest residence in the Sherbourne and Wellesley neighbourhood, Alterra's 159SW will be complemented by the interior designs of Toronto-based firm, U31. Perks include a running track, building-wide WiFi and a bike room with repair area.

Building features

Amenities will include a fitness studio with yoga room and sauna, a barbecue area with outdoor dining, a games zone and a student zone. There's also an onsite car-share program, pet wash station and 24-hour concierge.

Location and transit

The condo is conveniently located a short walk from both the Yonge Street and Bloor Street TTC subway stations. Drivers are not far from the Don Valley Pkwy. You can be in the downtown in less than a half hour.

+ WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

What: 159SW
Builder: Alterra
Location: 159 Wellesley St. E.
Building: A 36-storey tower with 360 units
Sizes: From 470 to 872 sq. ft.
Pricing: From the low \$300,000s to \$599,000

Suites: One bed, one bed plus den, two bed and three bed
Occupancy: October 2019
Sales Centre: 527 Parliament St.
Phone: 416-323-1500
Website: 159SW.com

In the neighbourhood

Residents can enjoy the eclectic shop and restos of nearby Cabbage Town, as well as the bustling downtown intersection of Yonge and Bloor. You can walk to Food Basics, the Public Library and the Wellesley Community Centre.

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REAL ESTATE

What's hot on the market...



1 COMMUNITY EVENT

Community Landing Park: The 4th annual Cityfest community festival will be held on Aug. 27 from 12 to 9 p.m. at Canoe Landing Park at Concord CityPlace. Head over to 95 Fort York Blvd. Contact: cityfest.ca, info@cityfest.ca

2 NOW PREVIEWING

Kingston Road: The Upper Beach Club, a collection of 41 designer suites overlooking the lake and Hunt Club golf course. Check it out at 1572 Kingston Rd. Contact: 416-691-9111, upperbeachclub.com

3 OPEN HOUSE

Bloordale: Check out this authentic industrial loft suite with 15-foot ceilings and exposed brick and beam. Head over to 284 St. Helen's Ave., Aug. 26 and 27 from 2 to 5 p.m. Contact: Cameron Weir, Keller Williams Advantage Realty, Brokerage. 416-465-4545

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At this mid-summer stage it's time to hit the "refresh" button on your garden scheme and consider planting roses. ISTOCK

Roses are the perfect refresh

GARDENING

Follow these pro tips to get that second season bloom

Mark Cullen
Torstar News Service

It is a new world in the rose garden. Much like social media changed the way we communicate, new rose varieties are changing the ways we use and appreciate them.

A browse through a current gardening catalogue reveals no less than eight categories of roses, eight branded sub-categories, 19 new varieties for this season and 140 varieties in total. This is just one Canadian nursery; there are others that provide different offerings.

Why do I raise this now, in August? The answer: there's a second season of rose blossoms just around the corner. Try not to miss it.

Roses generally bloom best in June and early July. Then as evening temperatures start to drop and days become shorter,

the second bloom is triggered and rose bushes put on a great show in September and October. Often, these blooms last longer than the spring editions for exactly the same reasons that make them bloom a second time: shorter days and cooler evenings.

Your vision

Planting roses can enhance an area in your yard several ways. Some, such as David Austin roses, are known best for their fragrance. The new Pavement roses are considered some of the best living ground covers, growing to no more than 90 centimetres high, hugging the ground in colour and foliage. Roses for cutting are generally found in the hybrid tea section of the garden centre. A hedge or screen of thorny roses can best be achieved using winter-hardy shrub roses.

Work or no work

One of the biggest improvements in new rose introductions this generation is disease resistance. Once famous for the work required to keep them looking good, many new rose varieties do not need spraying (or dusting) or any special protection over the winter.

Shrub roses are winter hardy. Look for Ottawa Explorer shrub roses, such as Champlain, John Cabot, and George Vancouver. Why not plant a "Canada 150" anniversary rose garden? Plant it now and it will look fabulous next spring! The new Knock Out series of roses is a great example

of how vastly improved the garden performance is with roses. I have had great success with the Pink Double Knock Out.

Your yard as a canvas

If you imagine your garden as a blank canvas, roses can fit the bill where many other shrubs and perennials fall short. A mass planting of the shrub roses Bonica or Oso Easy can produce a one-two punch of colour that is unsurpassed in the garden. When you see gas stations planting masses of roses together you can be sure they are low maintenance and great garden performers.

Sun

One essential ingredient in the "rose growing" recipe is sunshine. Lots of it: a minimum of six hours a day. Or forget it.

Canadian grown

Roses provide an excellent example of why it is a good idea to buy locally. The roses tagged with "grown in Canada" have already experienced two Canadian winters. They thrived on the farm in an open field, with wind, long summer days and Canadian soil conditions. A Canadian-grown rose performs as it should and meets the expectations of experienced gardeners.

Mark Cullen is an expert gardener, *Order of Canada* recipient, author and broadcaster. Follow him on Twitter @MarkCullen4 and on Facebook.

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Rose bushes put on a great show in September and October.

LEGAL MATTERS

When a transaction is not completed

Jeffrey Cowan
For Metro Canada



Q: We recently sold our home and we were informed a day before the closing that the buyer didn't want the home.

We understand he has a number of properties in the city and for some reason he didn't want to complete our

transaction.

Of course, we have purchased another home and will need to scramble to find funds to allow for this transaction.

This has left us in a serious position and we are obviously very upset over this turn of events. What can we do?

A: The first thing you must do is confer with your law-

yer who should have a plan of attack set up. If the buyer informed you in writing of their intention to not close, this can be deemed to be an anticipatory breach of the contract.

You are then free to go about relisting the property and hopefully finding another buyer. In fact, you are obliged to "mitigate" your damages, but that doesn't mean you can't pursue the buyer with

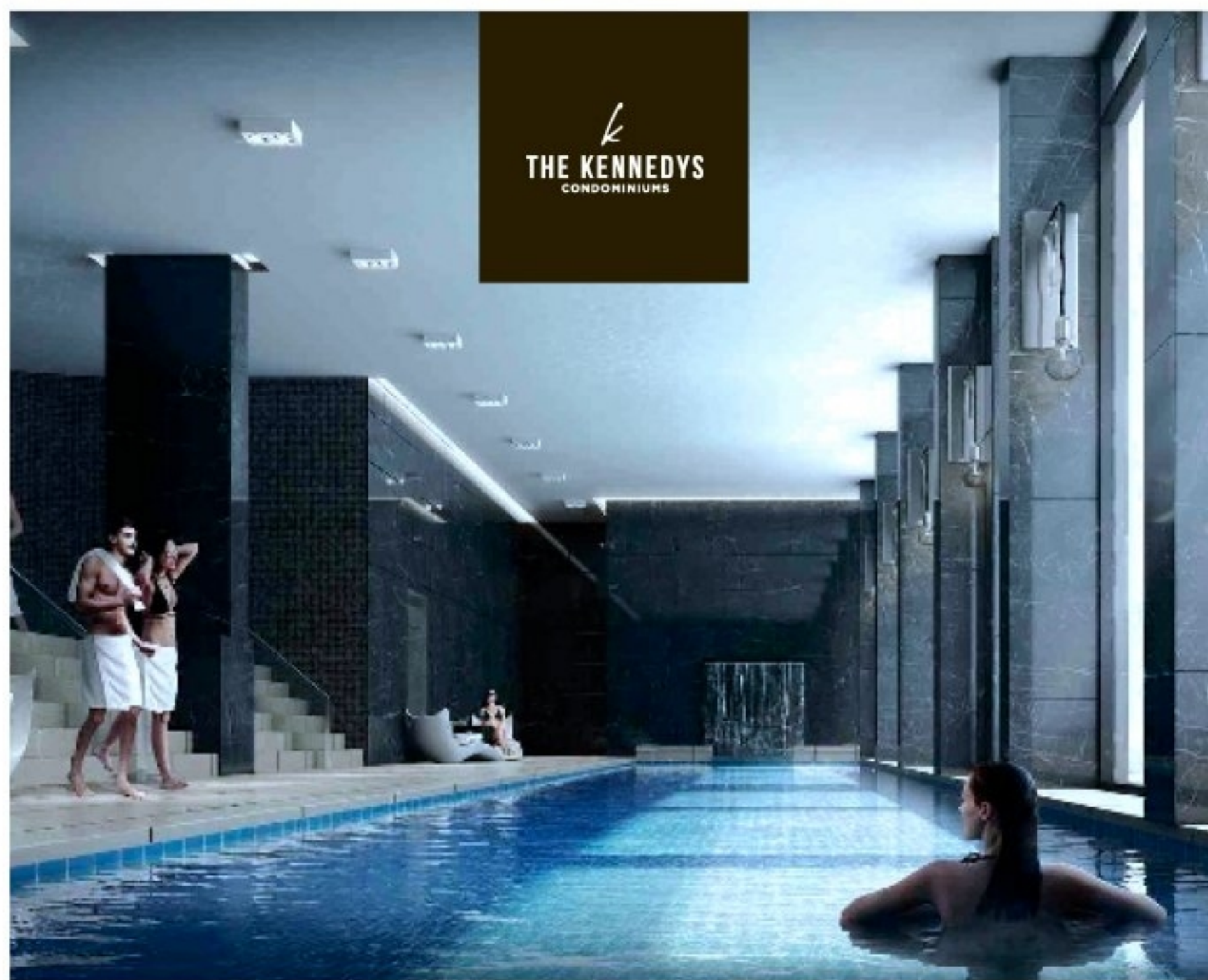
all your legal remedies including, but not limited to an aggressive lawsuit demanding specific performance.

Regardless, it looks like you will become involved in the legal process. The best thing your real estate lawyer can do is refer you to a good litigation lawyer who can press your position and get the best results possible from a bad situation.

Good luck!



When a buyer backs out last minute you may want to find a litigation lawyer. ISTOCK/PHOTO ILLUSTRATION



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SmartStudios micro condos sell out in just weeks

Bryan Tuckey
For Metro Canada



As an industry, we continue to innovate and develop ways of building homes that provide consumers with affordable new housing choices.

These advances range from creating leading-edge suites and low-rise designs to launching first-time home buyer assistance programs.

SmartStudios, a micro condo project in Oshawa by Building Capital, is a model example of creative design and the winner of this year's BILD Award for the Best Innovative Suite. The eight-storey mid-rise condominium raises the bar by reducing the suite size while maximizing living space with its innovative delivery of features. The majority of units in the building are just 274 square feet in size.

While micro condos are a common concept in New York and Hong Kong, the design is the first of its kind in the GTA and it is aimed at entry-level home buyers. The units reinvent smart living and offer residents everything they need in a stylish contemporary space.

This is accomplished by incorporating dual-function features, such as fold down beds that transform into dining tables, and electronic standing desks that can be lowered for additional counter space. Kitchens and bathrooms are smart-sized and come with compact fittings that offer organization while saving space.

The 308 SmartStudios units priced from \$150,000 to \$170,000 sold out in just weeks.

Mason Homes won this year's BILD Award for the Best Innovative Home Design for the Oakwood — Courtyard Collection in Peterborough. The Courtyard homes were designed to maximize space and so that individual models could be built in townhouse, semi-detached or detached home formats, which further increases pricing flexibility. These homes are built with rear lane garages allowing for a wider layout with lots of natural light and an open concept living design. The Courtyard Collection is ideal for first-time buyers, people downsizing and families of all sizes.

Units start in the high \$200,000s for a 1205 sq. ft. townhome and the low \$300,000s for a 1090 sq. ft. detached model.

Earlier this year, BILD member Concord Adex launched Home Ownership Made Easy (HOME) — a program providing local first-time buyers an advantage when buying their first home.

The developer stopped all sales for its Toronto LakeFront and LakeShore condo developments and moved 30 local first-time buyers to the front of the line to purchase a unit. Those who qualified for the HOME program were required to pay only half of the deposit and upon closing would receive a mortgage helper gift equal to half of their mortgage payments for the first year. Buyers had to prove that they've lived in Ontario for at least the past two years and that they were Canadian citizens or permanent residents.

These are just a few of the ways the building and developing industry continues to innovate and help provide affordable housing choices for consumers.

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A cover letter is an opportunity to explain why you want to work for an organization. ISTOCK

Getting personal: cover letter tips

WORKING WORLD

Do what a resumé can't really do: add a human touch

Will McGuirk

While companies may use software to scan the many resúmes they receive for a position, it's rare to use robots to filter through cover letters. The cover letter can be used to emphasize a candidate's suitability for a job on a personal level.

Tony Botelho, manager of career and volunteer services at Simon Fraser University, keeps it simple: be human when dealing with human resources and personalize your connection to the position for which you are applying.

"It's a way to highlight your fit and your connection to a position in a way that a resumé typically can't," said Botelho.

Some sectors do not require cover letters, but it's a general rule the more professional the position, the more likely a cover letter is neces-

+ A REFRESHER IN EXPECTATIONS

Cover letter basics

- Twin your cover letter and resumé to create a professional look and feel. Make sure fonts, letterheads and any colour are consistent across both documents. Tony Botelho of career and volunteer services at Simon Fraser University recommends designing it so that, if just one document gets read, all pertinent information is evident.
- Watch for typos and errors. Seems obvious,

but it's the No. 1 complaint Botelho receives from employers.

- Stay away from form letters. They can be spotted a mile away. They remove the human factor from your application.
- "Make the connection and then highlight all the key examples that prove you have the skills, experiences, whatever they might be looking for," Botelho said. "And then wrap it all up at the end, like a mini essay."

sary, Botelho added. They are also useful when trying to connect with organizations that have strong core values. The cover letter says, "Hey, I believe in those values too."

"One of the things you want to do is explain why you want to work in this position, work at this company, or this organization or (in) this field; that personal connection," said Botelho.

"Most employers can train people to do stuff, but you can't train them to be interested in and enthusiastic about the setting. That's one

of the things the cover letter can really help on, particularly the more philosophically grounded or orientated an organization is, such as not-for-profits, committees, organizations; that alignment with the goals of the organization is something you can do better in a cover letter."

A better letter can be achieved by focusing on two points: One, explain how you personally connect with the organization and, two, explain how your experience and skill sets connect you to the position.



Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal say they plan to play doubles together when the Laver Cup debuts next year

Olympians back on the grind at Canadian Open

GOLF National women's championship follows Games

It's back to the real world for Brooke Henderson, Lydia Ko and a handful of other Olympians who have left Rio de Janeiro behind and are preparing for the Canadian Open.

Henderson, the 18-year-old from Smiths Falls, Ont., finished in a tie for seventh place at the Summer Olympics.

Her face is everywhere at Priddis Greens Golf and Country Club near Calgary where the Canadian Open, the national women's golf championship, runs Thursday through Sunday. She's hoping for a better finish back home in Canada than she achieved at the Olympics, lamenting the two or three shots that cost her a medal.

But coming from Rio to Priddis, Alta., isn't a big deal.

"Rio was kind of just a sixth major on the LPGA Tour," said Henderson on Wednesday. "Of course there was lots of other things going on — possible

distractions and it was like the world's biggest stage for sport.

"It was cool, but the end of the day it was just four rounds of golf, regular stroke play individual that we do every single week, playing against the same players we play against every week so nothing that way was any different. Coming here's just another week on tour."

Ko finished with a silver medal for South Korea at the Olympics and is a three-time winner of the Canadian Open.

"I can remember back to a week ago when I was flying into Rio and I was excited

to prepare and everything and it was like there — and it was over," Ko said.

"It's definitely a quick turnaround but you know this is one of our best tour-

naments on our tour schedule so even the girls that were in Rio I think we're all excited to be here."

Ko, who is the reigning Canadian Open champion, says there are a few things she and her fellow Olympians are having to adapt to.

"Last week the course was a little bit like sand belt with a little bit of British flair. This is a bit more traditional ... it's

\$2.25M

The total purse for the tournament, which includes \$337,500 for the winner.



Lydia Ko hits a tee shot during the pro-am at the Canadian Open tournament in Priddis, Alta., Wednesday. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

firm and fast. Last week we were wearing shorts — this week we're wearing sweaters," she said.

"It's different but I think we're all getting used to it."

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We're going to have 30 countries in the field at the CP Open ... so we're going to put on another version of the Olympics this week. LPGA commissioner Michael Whan

OLYMPICS

More returning athletes feted

For the second day in a row, Canadian Olympians returned home from the Rio Olympics to excited crowds of loved ones and fans.

Runner Andre De Grasse of Markham, who won a silver and two bronze medals, was the first to walk through the arrival gate at Toronto's Pearson International Airport.

"It's incredible out here (with) this crowd. I'm loving it," said De Grasse. "I'm honoured. It feels so good to be a part of this country."

His mother, Beverley, joined him almost immediately.

"I'm just looking to go home and take some time off," De Grasse said, adding that he was looking forward to his mom's home cooking.

De Grasse was the first Canadian to win three sprint medals at a single Games.

Food and rest were also top of mind for Derek Drouin of Corunna, Ont., who won a gold medal in the

high jump.

"I'm not really looking forward to cooking. Probably just order some pizza. It's my time off so I'm not really watching what I eat too much," he said.

The 26-year-old added he was hoping to sleep "probably for the next day."

Wednesday's arriving athletes followed two plane loads of Olympians who arrived home to a hero's welcome early Tuesday, including star swimmer Penny Oleksiak. The Toronto teenager won four medals at the Rio Games, including Canada's first gold. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Derek Drouin
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Andre De Grasse was among the Olympians who received a warm welcome home at Pearson International Airport on Wednesday. RICHARD LAUTENS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

IN BRIEF

Bouwmeester replaces Keith on Canadian roster

Canada selected Jay Bouwmeester to replace Duncan Keith on its roster for the World Cup of Hockey.

Keith is still rehabbing a right knee injury he suffered last season, the Chicago Blackhawks said. The two-time Norris Trophy winner as the NHL's top defenceman had surgery to repair a torn meniscus in October.

Bouwmeester rejoins Canada after winning gold at the 2014 Olympics.

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Coyotes hire female coach

The Arizona Coyotes have hired Dawn Braid as skating coach and say she is believed to be the first full-time female coach in NHL history.

Braid has a long association with the NHL. She worked part-time for the Coyotes last year and has served as a skating consultant with the Toronto Maple Leafs, Anaheim Ducks, Buffalo Sabres and Calgary Flames.

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U.S. swimmer comes clean about gas station story

U.S. swimmer James Feigen apologized for the "serious distraction" he and three teammates caused at a gas station during the Rio Olympics, saying he omitted facts in his statement to police.

While Feigen admitted "we urinated behind the building and that Ryan Lochte pulled a poster off the wall," he maintains the group didn't force their way into a bathroom and a gun was pointed at them.

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Kaepernick expected to make pre-season debut

Colin Kaepernick is on track to make his first appearance of the pre-season for San Francisco on Friday night against Green Bay after his tired shoulder made it through a full week of practice.

Coach Chip Kelly said Kaepernick looked good in practice this week and is expected to play barring any setbacks before the game. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Josh Donaldson pops out into the glove of Los Angeles Angels catcher Jett Bandy in the first inning on Wednesday's game at Rogers Centre. The Jays lost 8-2. TOM SZCZERBOWSKI/GETTY IMAGES

Bautista set for return

MLB

Slugger likely to see time at DH initially

The Blue Jays are expected to welcome back Jose Bautista on Thursday, after the right fielder spent the last two weeks on the disabled list with a sprained knee. But manager John Gibbons suggested that he will use Bautista as a designated hitter "quite a bit" upon his return as he eases into regular outfield duty.

That was likely music to Melvin Upton Jr.'s ears, as the 32-year-old outfielder — acquired by the Jays just a few days before the trade deadline — is just starting to look comfortable in his new threads thanks in part to the regular playing time afforded by Bautista's absence.

Of course the Jays' lineup is better with Bautista in it, but Upton, who collected just three hits in his first 28 at-bats as a Blue Jay, certainly seemed to benefit from his increased playing time.



Jose Bautista
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He's hitting .255 in the last two weeks with three homers and nine RBIs. Not all-star stuff, by any means, but a good deal better than his brutal start with his new club.

Gibbons said it often takes time for players to acclimate themselves to a new team.

"I don't care how long you've been playing, you go to a new environment you naturally want to get off to a great start and your tendency is you press to try to make things happen," Gibbons said. "In baseball that works against you, it always does. But I think the fact now he's getting at-bats, he's more comfortable out there."

Despite how Michael Saunders has struggled badly since the all-star break, he still figures to be part of the Jays' trio of starting outfielders, so at some point in the near future Upton will likely return to the Jays' bench.

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MLS TFC MOVE TO TOP OF EAST Orlando City's Matias Perez Garcia, left, and Toronto FC's Michael Bradley collide during Wednesday night's game. Brampton's Cyle Larin scored for hosts Orlando but Toronto got goals from Tosaint Ricketts and Jozy Altidore to get the 2-1 win and move into first place in the Eastern Conference which is uncharted territory for the Reds this late into a season. JOHN RAOUX/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

'Cowards' comment costs 'keeper Solo six-month ban

U.S. women's goalkeeper Hope Solo was suspended Wednesday for six months by U.S. Soccer for disparaging comments about Sweden following the Americans' early departure from the Rio Olympics.

Solo called the Swedes "a bunch of cowards" after they ousted the U.S. 4-3 on penalty kicks following a 1-1 draw in their quarter-final match. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sri Lankans crush Aussies

Spin bowler Amila Aponso and seamer Thisara Perera shared seven wickets to help Sri Lanka to a crushing 82-run win over Australia in their second one-day international on Wednesday.

The five-match series is now level at 1-1, with three matches to be played. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Cowboys rookie turning heads



Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott rushes for a touchdown against the Dolphins last Friday. RON JENKINS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NFL

Prescott has best pre-season quarterback rating of 158.3

Dak Prescott shrugs at the suggestion that the Dallas rookie quarterback's startling success in two pre-season games is a product of what skeptics might call the "vanilla" defenses of the exhibition season.

"That's on them if they want to throw 'vanilla' or whatever they want to throw at me, 'Rocky Road,' or whatever

you want to say," the 23-year-old former Mississippi State standout said. "I just go out there and just try to concentrate on our game plan and go put out my best."

Prescott has a pre-season NFL-high 158.3 passer rating with four touchdowns, no interceptions and a pair of rushing TDs, giving the Cowboys plenty to think about for a backup to Tony Romo after incumbent Kelvin Moore broke his right ankle early in training camp.

Executive vice-president of personnel Stephen Jones said the day after Moore's injury that the Cowboys wanted a veteran in the room with Romo.

The No. 3 quarterback is second-year player Jameill Showers, who spent most of last season on the practice squad.

Jones stops short of indicating he might have changed his mind. But his dad, owner and general manager Jerry Jones, sounds ready to commit to Prescott.

"You would have to say that the more reps these young guys are getting then the better it is for the team, the better it is for their evaluation or their progression," Jerry Jones said after Prescott threw for two touchdowns and ran for two more in a 41-14 win over Miami.

"If you weigh all of that, the logic goes toward you're in better shape today to go with them than you were three weeks ago. And I would say we are."

Prescott likely gets his best test yet Thursday night at Seattle, where he figures to play most, if not all, of the second half. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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1. Heat the oil in a large saucepan, tip in the onions and pancetta and cook until onions are softened and pancetta is browned, about 5 minutes. Add the potatoes and cook for 2 to 3 minutes. Pour in stock, cover and simmer for 12-15 mins or until the potatoes are tender. With a slotted spoon, remove half the potatoes from the stock and set aside.

2. Transfer the remaining potatoes, stock into a blender or food processor, add the milk and whizz until smooth. Pour back into the pan, add the peas, fish and reserved potatoes. Cover and gently heat for 3-4 mins until the fish is just cooked through - don't boil. Stir in dill then season to taste.

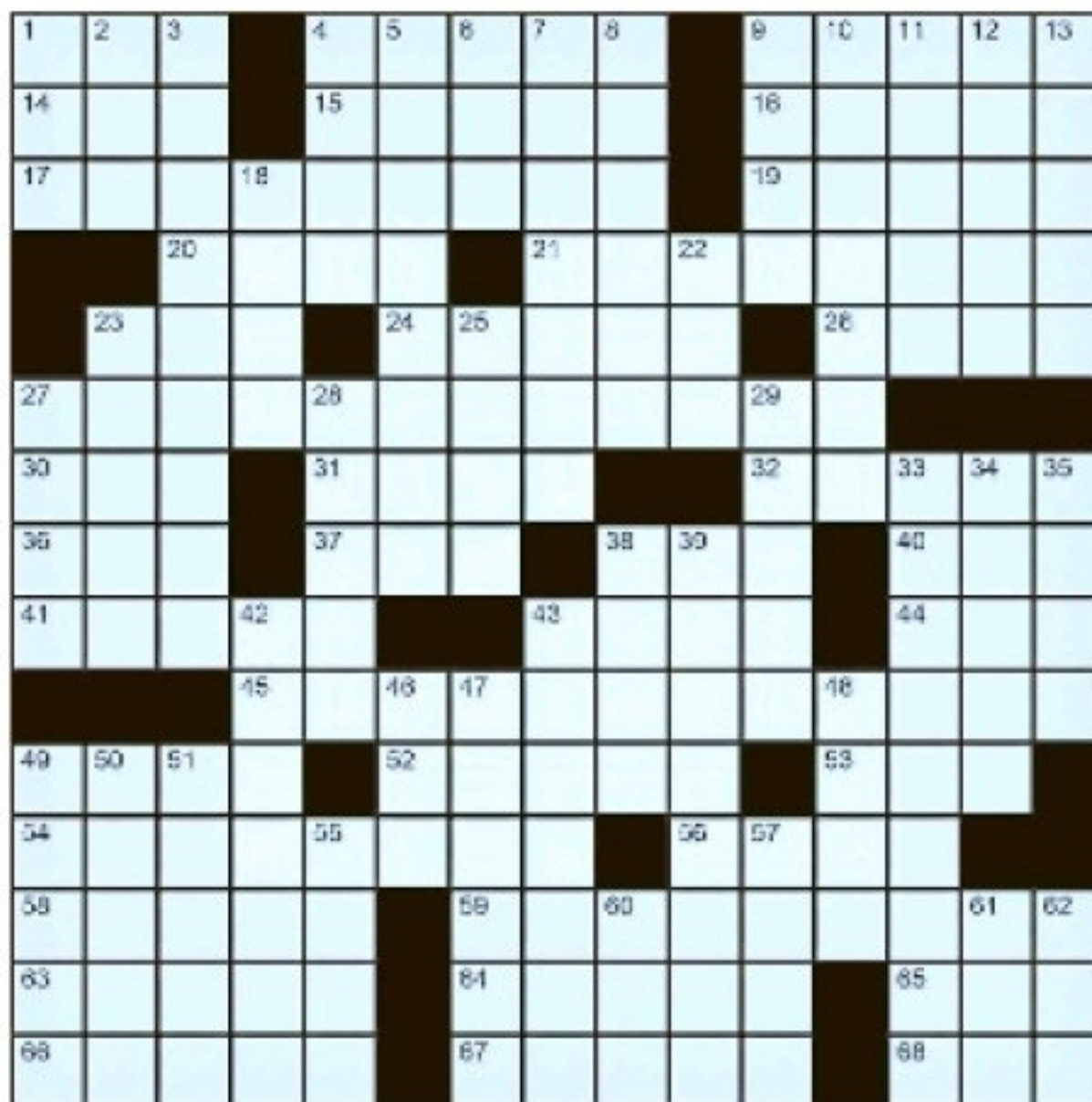
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16. Canadian TV channel
17. August 25th to August 28th, 2016... Nautique WWA _ World Championships, at the Canadian National Exhibition, in Toronto
19. Like fish fillet
20. "Blimey!"
21. Nose ornamentation
23. You-know- _
24. "Coffee, _ milk?"
26. Mr. Donovan
27. Canadian donuts chain established in 1963: 2 wds.
30. YYZ post-ing, wee-ly
31. River inlets
32. Paris: _ Triomphe
36. Kate's leading man in 1997
37. Pre-lunch hrs.
38. Dubliner's dance
40. Vienna's land, IOC-style
41. k.d.s kin
43. Parched
44. Commerce deg.
45. Capital + Terr.: 2 wds.
49. Like Fred-dy's tree



52. '70s idol Mr. Cassidy
53. Mr. Levin
54. Paul Anka, in the 1950s: 2 wds.
56. Bash
58. Job filler
59. Kate of Charlie's Angels...when addressed formally: 2 wds.

63. Upper crust
64. _ _ _ surface missile
65. Tarzan and _ Mate (1934)
66. Lattice-work strips
67. Sprinkle
68. Archery tree

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1. _ the lawn
2. Ms. Gabor
3. Body of water on which Samia sits: 2 wds.
4. Jessica _
5. Furniture feature: 2 wds.
6. Lettered gro-

7. Exceed
8. Ren's insult to Stimpy, "You _"
9. Shortened word
10. _ & Gamble
11. Alias for Patty Hearst in the SLA
12. Happening
13. Big name in

- trucks
18. Dr. _ Spengler, Ghostbusters (1984) role
22. 'Brew' suffix
23. Accessorized the suit, _ tie
25. Young hawk
27. Ring up
28. Garbage
29. Tavern beverage
33. Unappreciative of paparazzi
34. Nickname of Dick Cheney's President
35. Coup d' _
38. Chariot-driving biblical King of Israel
39. Buckingham Palace lays behind this type of entrance: 2 wds.
42. Ms. Paltrow
43. Closes the container: 2 wds.
46. Q. _ ' _ the fourth letter?" A. "Indeed."
47. St. _ Ontario
48. Posh fabric
49. Barrymore or Merman
50. Priestess in Georges Bizet opera The Pearl Fishers
51. Warrant
55. Wraths
57. "Don't have _ _ man!" - Bart Simpson
60. Mr. Tolkien
61. Goose: French
62. Sydney is the cap. of what Australian state?

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Steer clear of controversial issues like politics, religion and racial matters, because there is too much confusion today. Even when it comes to travel plans, you might be indecisive.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
This is a poor day to make important decisions about inheritances and shared property. An element of confusion, even deceit, is present. Plus you might not be strong enough to defend your own best interests.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
It's hard to stand up to others today, even to defend yourself. Fortunately, other people may have the same difficulty! It's definitely a wishy-washy day.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Your efforts to get things done at work will be challenged by confusion regarding travel, foreign countries and the timing of when things should be done. Good luck!

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Be careful with social plans or plans regarding vacations. Leave yourself a loophole in case you have to change things. Similarly, choose less-ambitious projects when dealing with children.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Postpone important decisions about family or real estate situations, because there is too much confusion today. People are indecisive. It's hard to know what to do.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Today is one of those days where you're not sure when or how to act. That's why it might be best to just do nothing. Easy does it.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Be careful with financial arrangements and how you handle your money today. Assume nothing. Take nothing for granted. Guard your possessions.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You might feel tired today. This is not a good day to tax yourself or to push your energy too far. Just take care of smaller matters.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Secrets might come out today. Or perhaps you are involved with secret activities. Be careful and commit to nothing, to be on the safe side.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Your efforts to lead others today might be impeded by something. Don't expect too much from anyone (including yourself). Go slowly.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Check things out, especially instructions from bosses and authority figures, before you act today. It's all too easy to go off in a wrong direction. If you are smart, you can save wasted effort and possible mistakes.

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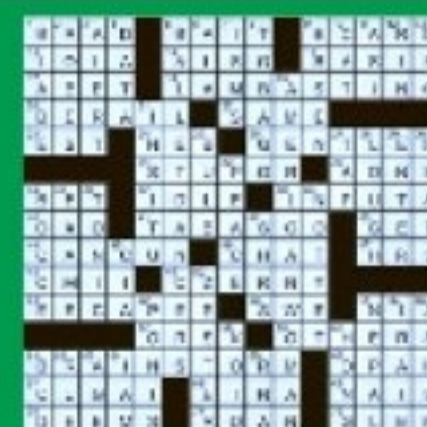
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X
MAZDA3
GX



HEATED STEERING WHEEL

X
CIVIC LX
MAZDA3 GX
COROLLA S



TOUCH-SCREEN

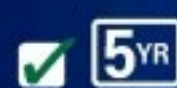
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COROLLA S

2016 **TUCSON** 2.0L PREMIUM AWD



Ultimate model shown ♦

GET MORE THAN THE COMPETITION. GET INTO A TUCSON.



WARRANTY¹¹

X
RAV4 LE
ROGUE SV
CRV LX



BLIND SPOT
DETECTION

X
RAV4 LE
ROGUE SV
CRV LX



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DETECTION

X
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ROGUE SV
CRV LX



HEATED FRONT AND
REAR SEATS

X
RAV4 LE
ROGUE SV
CRV LX

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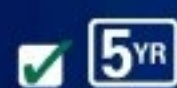
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Ultimate model shown ♦

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WARRANTY¹¹

X
ESCAPE SE
CRV EX-L
EQUINOX LTZ
ROGUE SL
PREMIUM



HEATED FRONT SEATS

X
ESCAPE S
CX-5 GX
EQUINOX LS
ROGUE S



17" ALLOY WHEEL

X
ESCAPE S
CRV LX
CX-5 GX
ROGUE S



3,058L
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X
ESCAPE SE
CRV EX-L
EQUINOX LTZ
ROGUE SL
PREMIUM

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**5 YEAR
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